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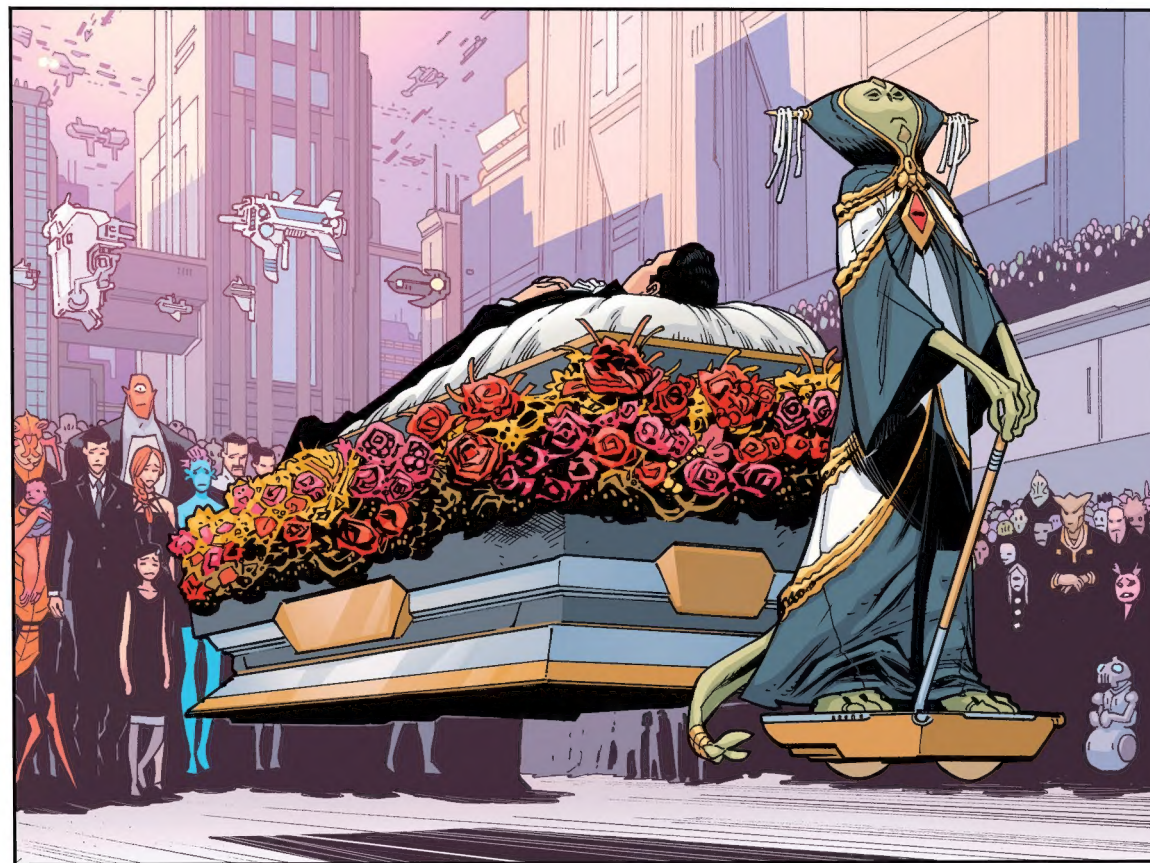
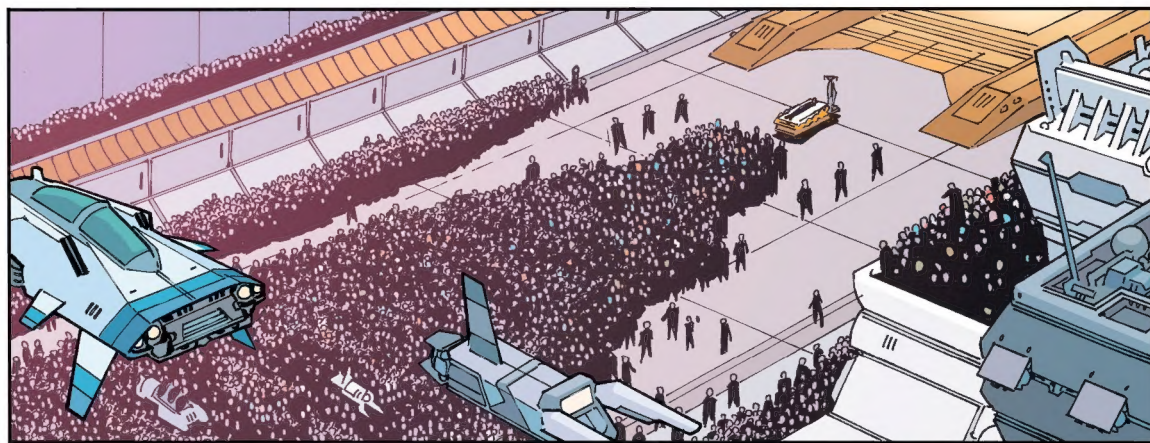
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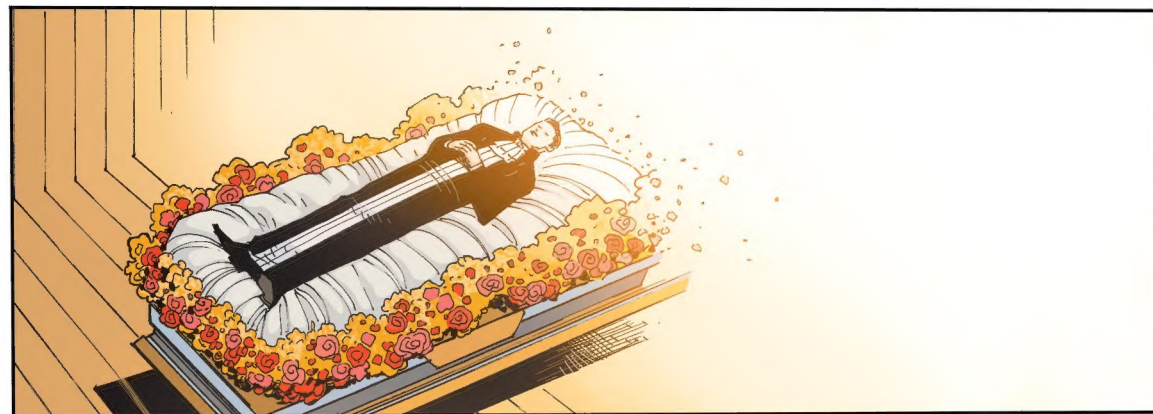
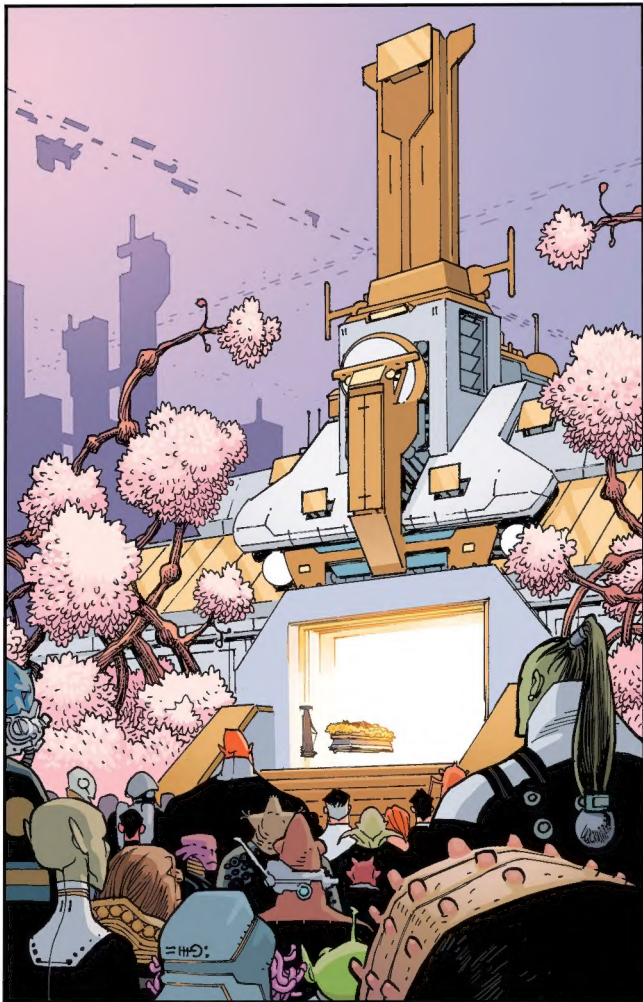
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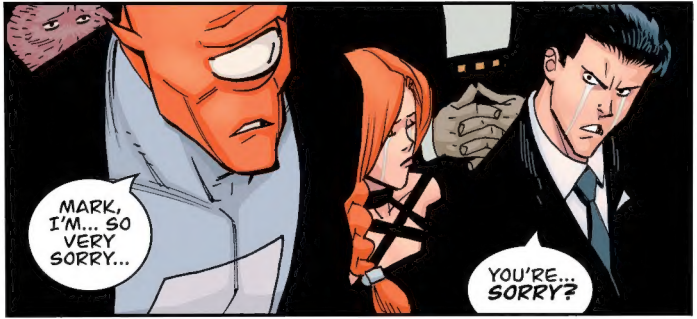
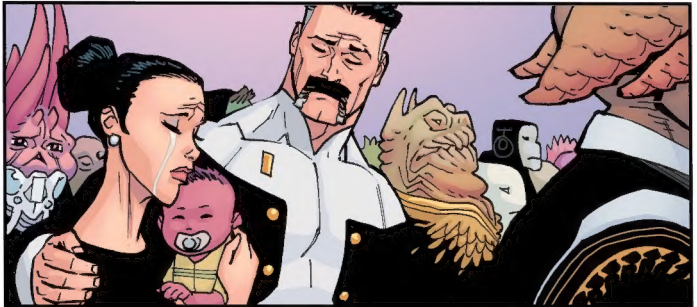
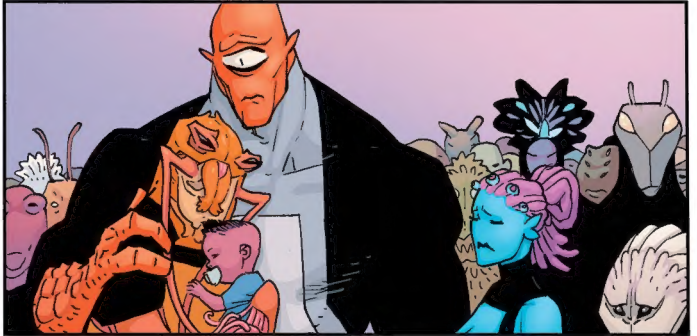
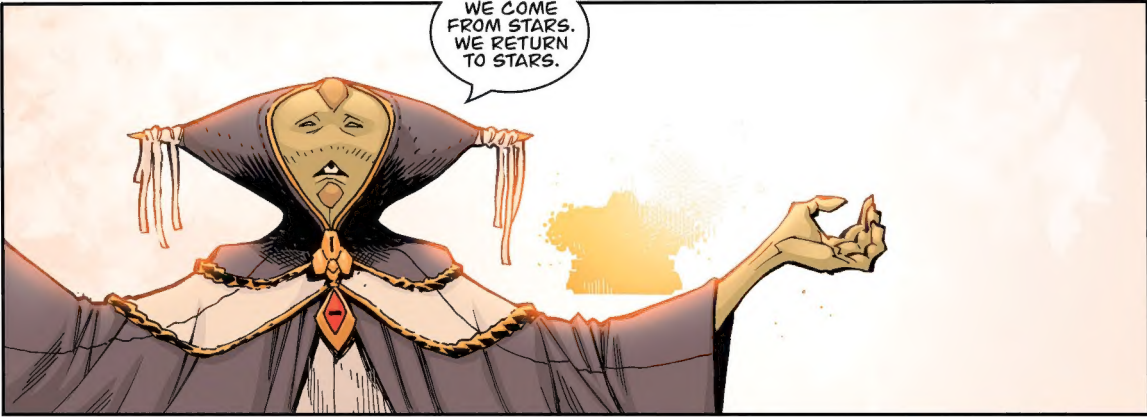
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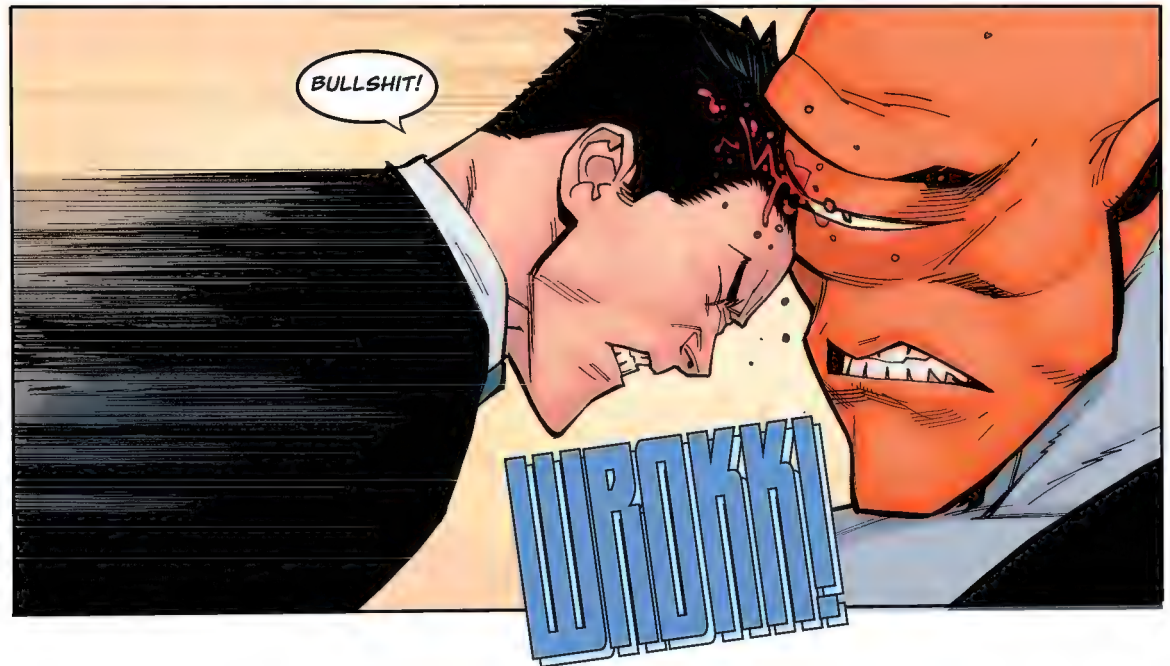








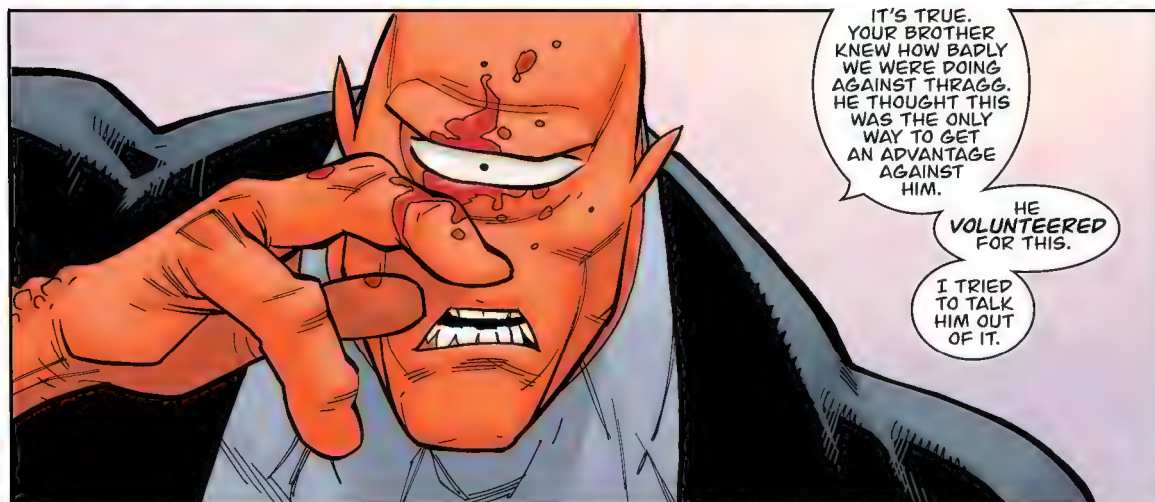






OKAY,
NOW I'M
GOING--

NO. I'LL
HANDLE
THIS. WATCH
TERRA.



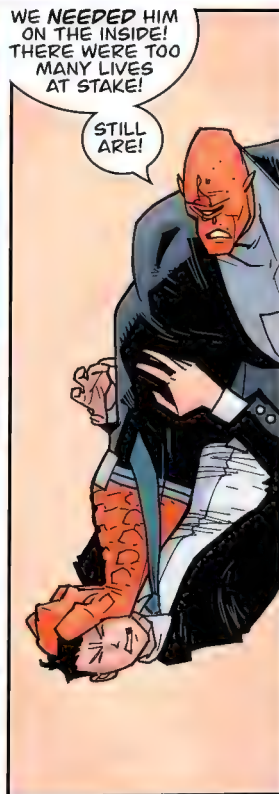
IT'S TRUE.
YOUR BROTHER
KNEW HOW BADLY
WE WERE DOING
AGAINST THRAGG.
HE THOUGHT THIS
WAS THE ONLY
WAY TO GET
AN ADVANTAGE
AGAINST
HIM.

HE
VOLUNTEERED
FOR THIS.

I TRIED
TO TALK
HIM OUT
OF IT.



YOU
SHOULD
HAVE TRIED
HARDER!



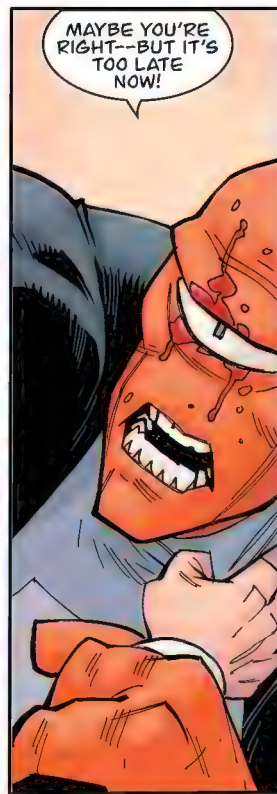
WE NEEDED HIM
ON THE INSIDE!
THERE WERE TOO
MANY LIVES
AT STAKE!

STILL
ARE!

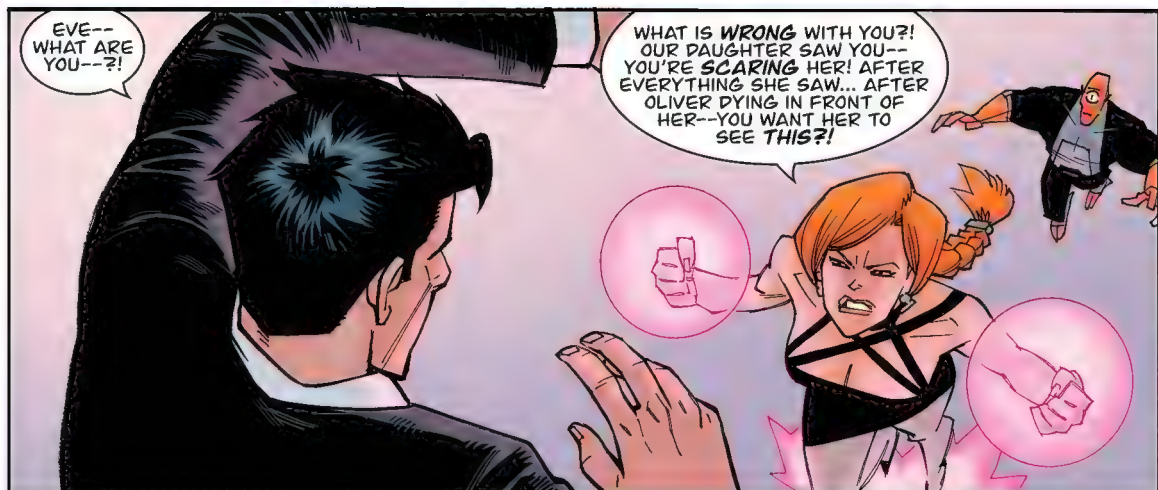


WHICH IS IT?! YOU
NEEDED HIM OR HE
VOLUNTEERED?!

YOU KNOW YOU
COULD HAVE DONE
SOMETHING ELSE!
YOU SENT HIM ON A
SUICIDE MISSION,
AND YOU KNOW
IT!

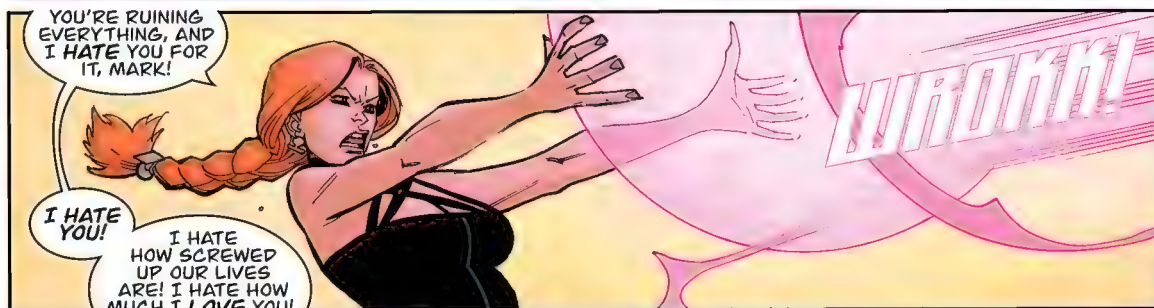
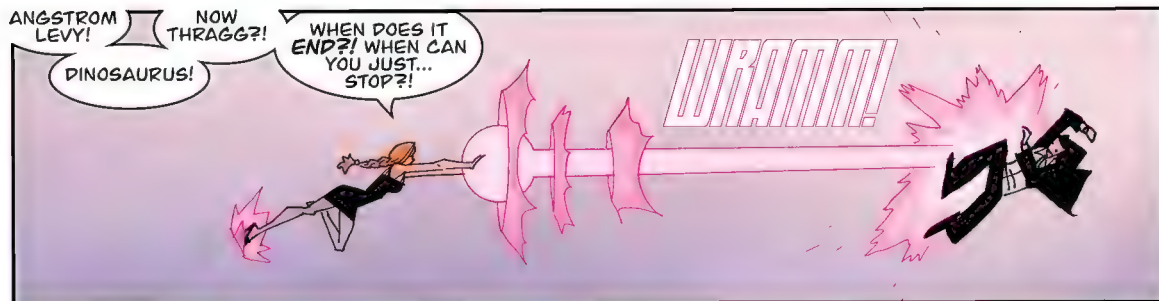


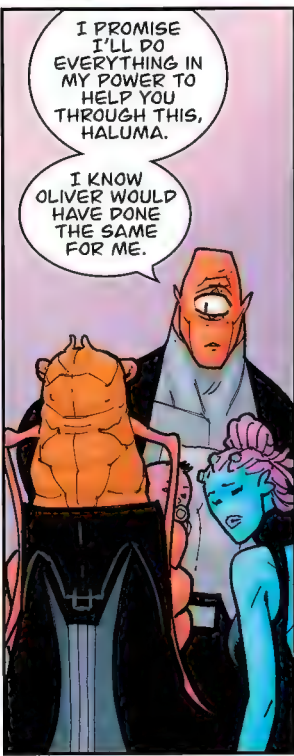
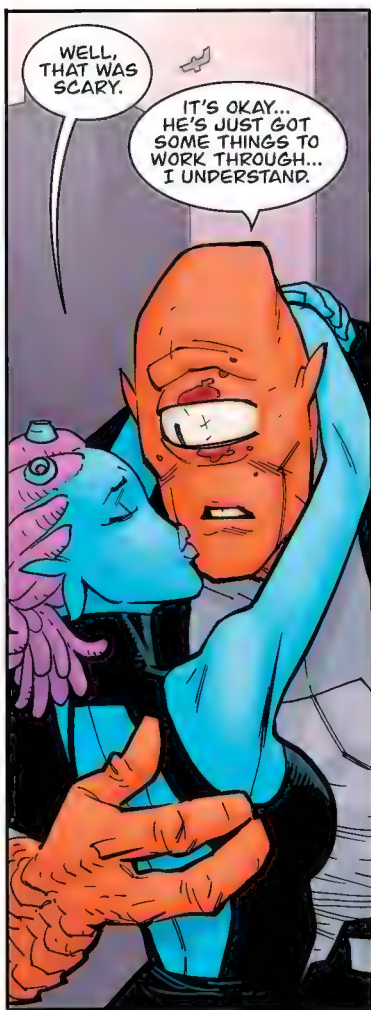
MAYBE YOU'RE
RIGHT--BUT IT'S
TOO LATE
NOW!

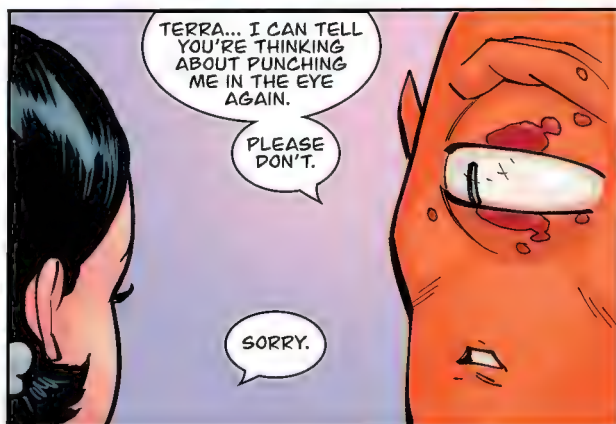
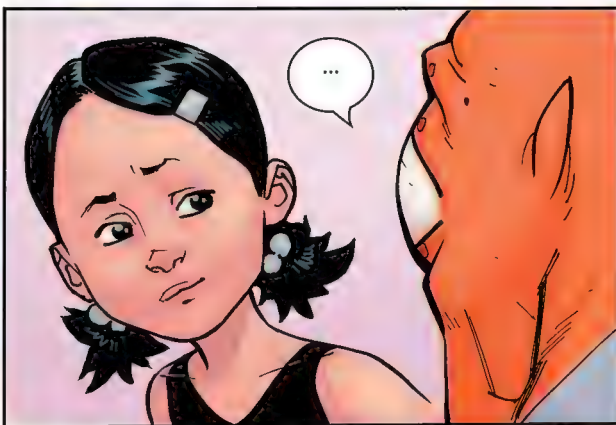
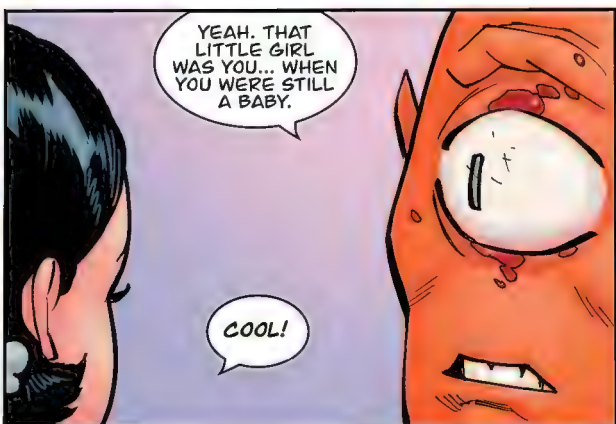
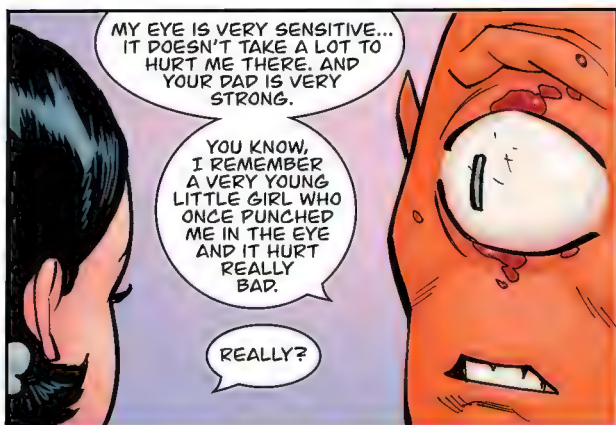
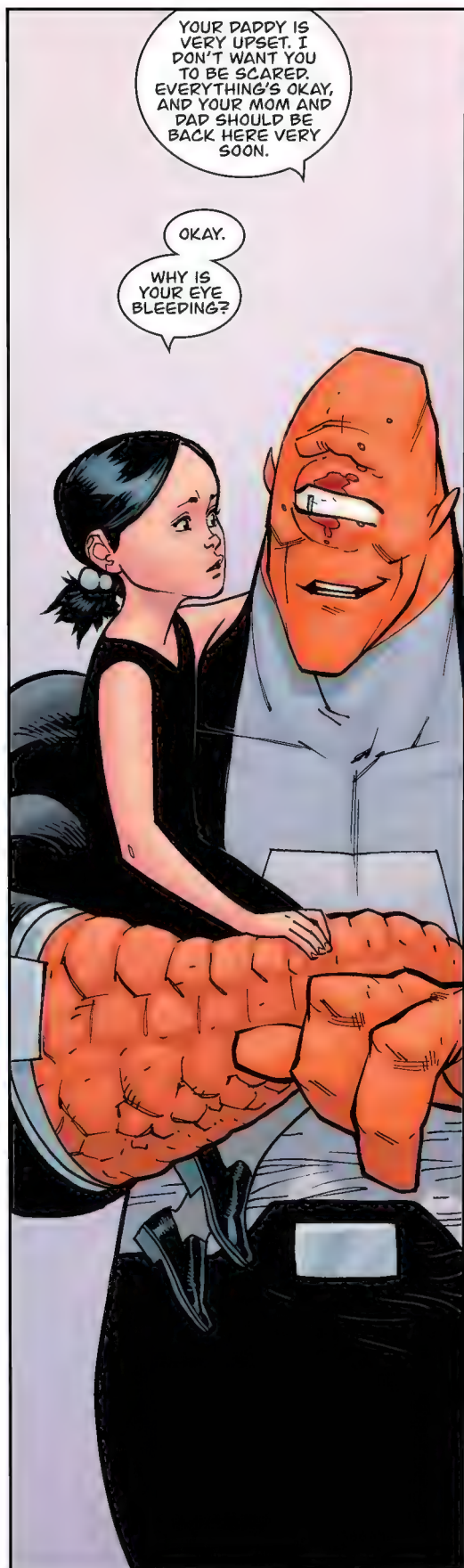








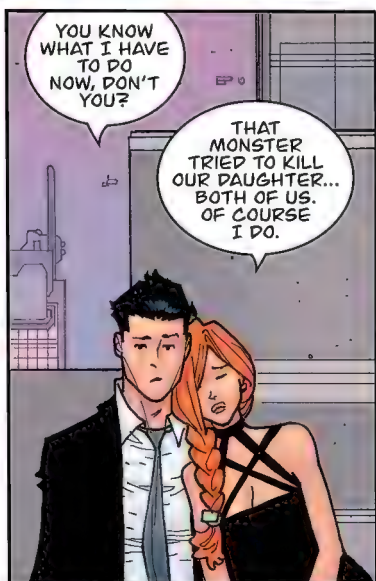






I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S GONE. IT'S JUST SO UNFAIR.

I KNOW.



YOU KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO NOW, DON'T YOU?

THAT MONSTER TRIED TO KILL OUR DAUGHTER... BOTH OF US. OF COURSE I DO.

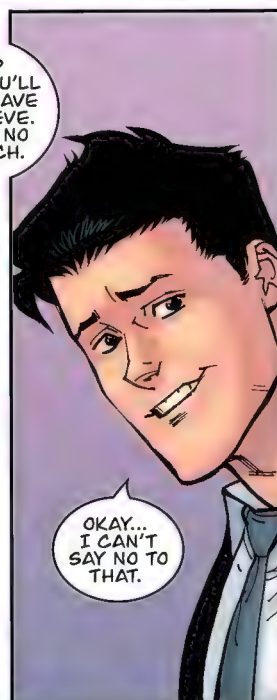
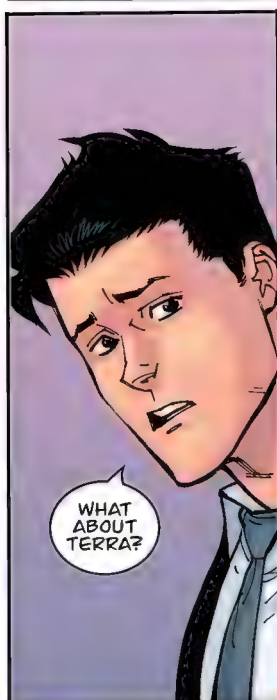
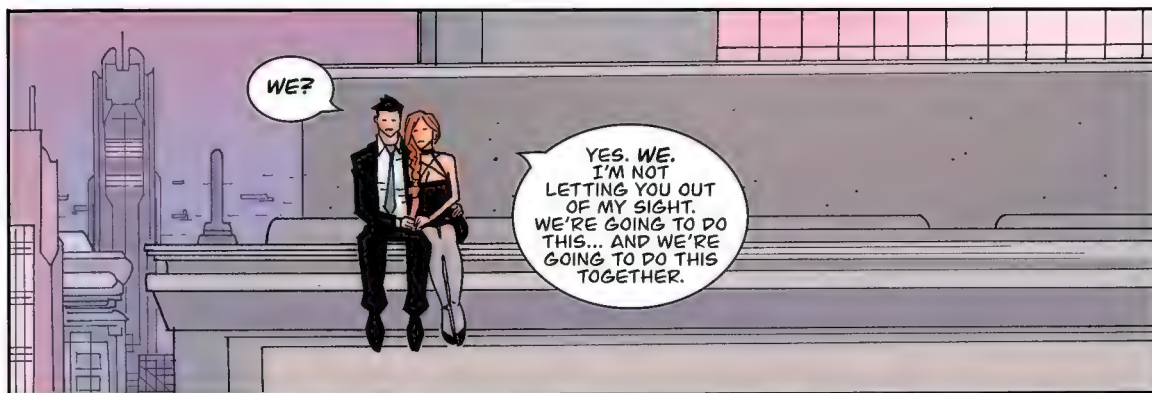
TO BE CLEAR... I'M NOT A HERO ANYMORE. I KNOW MYSELF. I'M NOT TRYING TO BE A HERO. I'M NOT GOING TO BE HUNG UP ON SAVING HIM, TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING... ANY OF THAT.

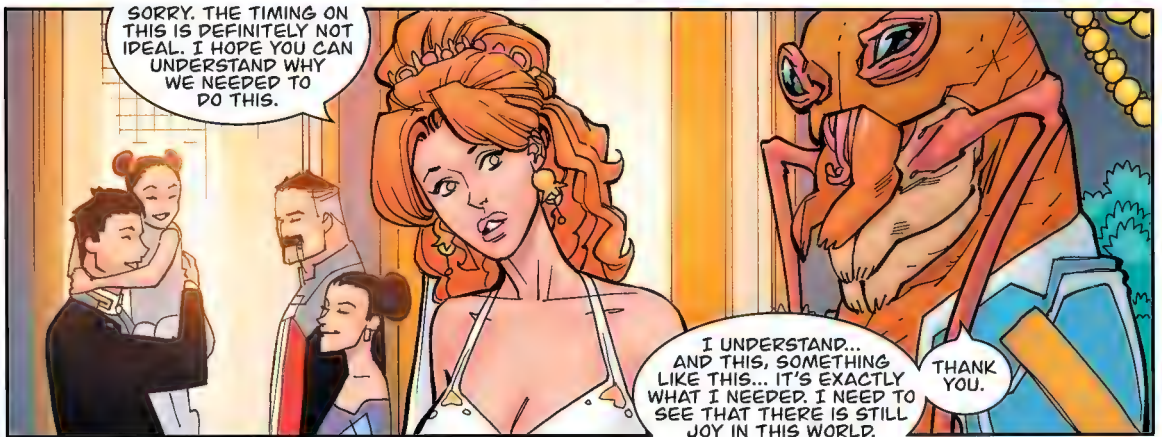
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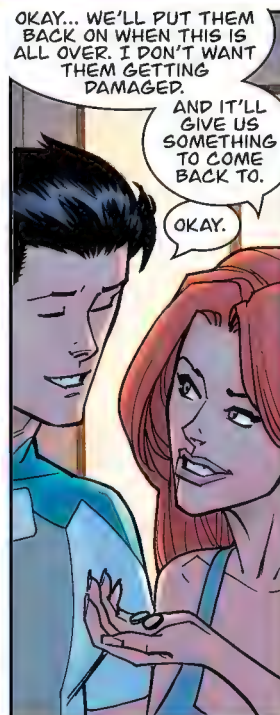
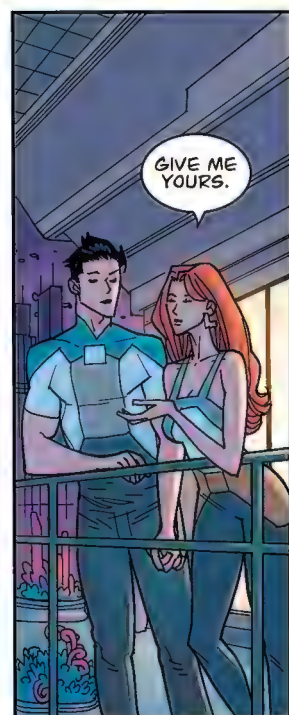
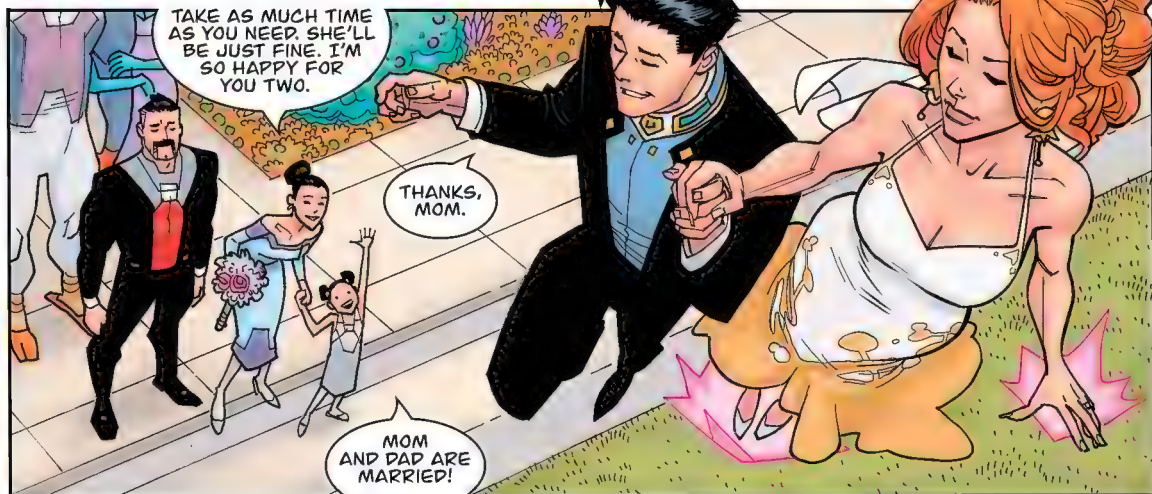


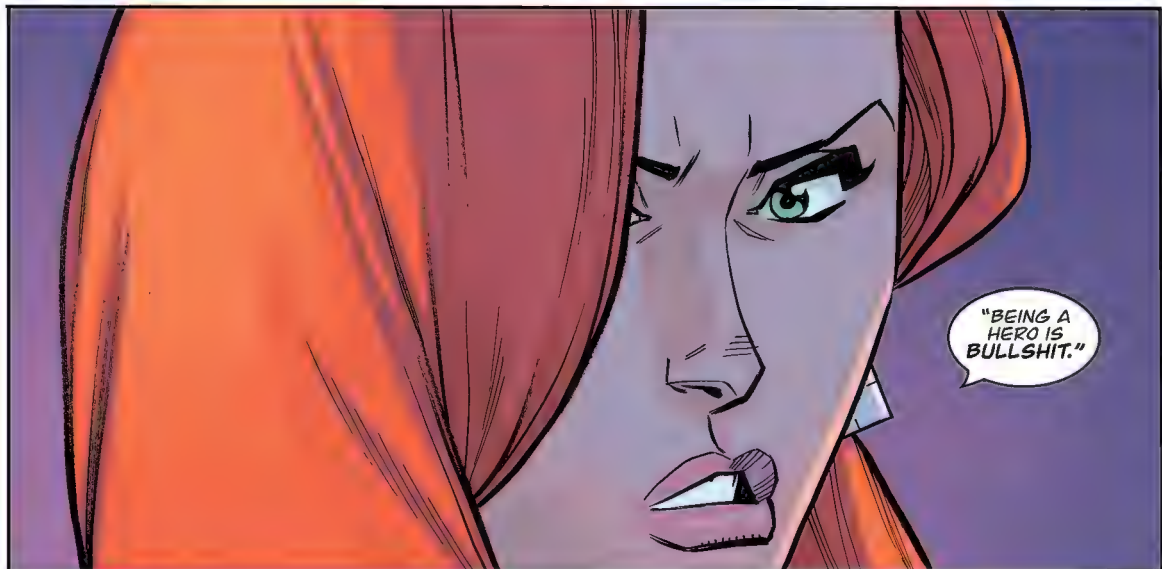
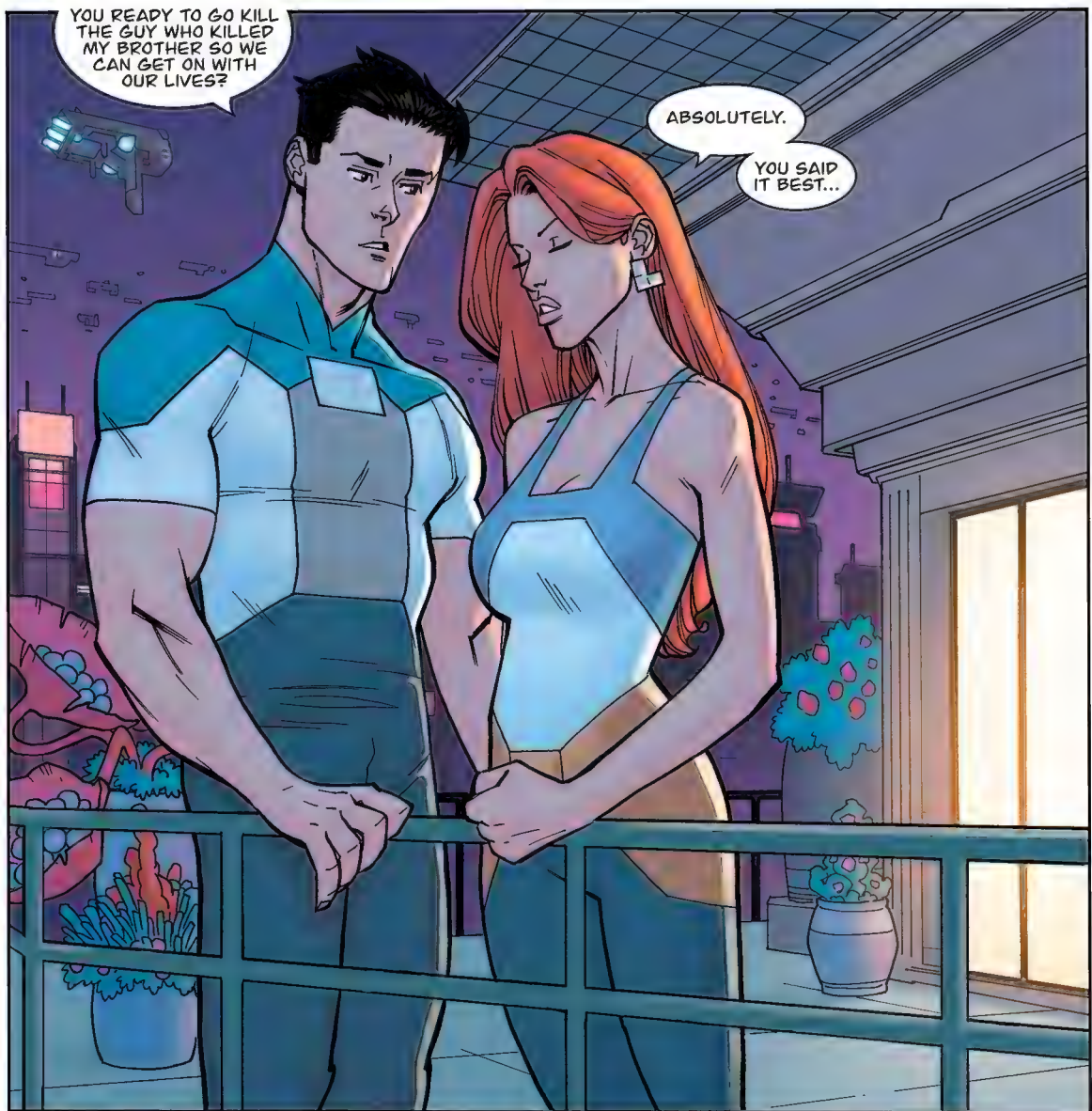
I UNDERSTAND THAT.

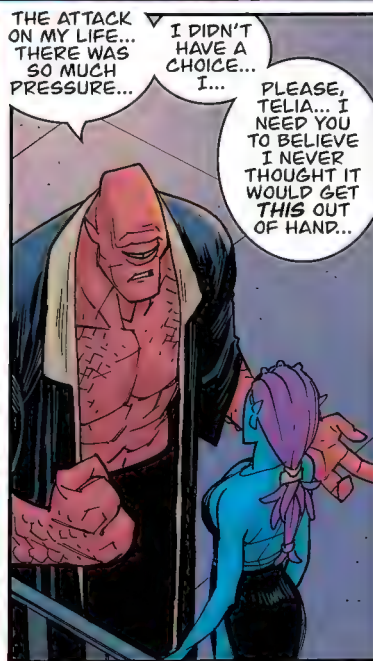
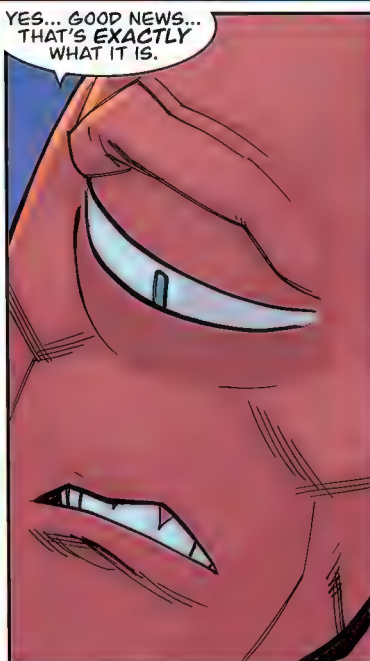
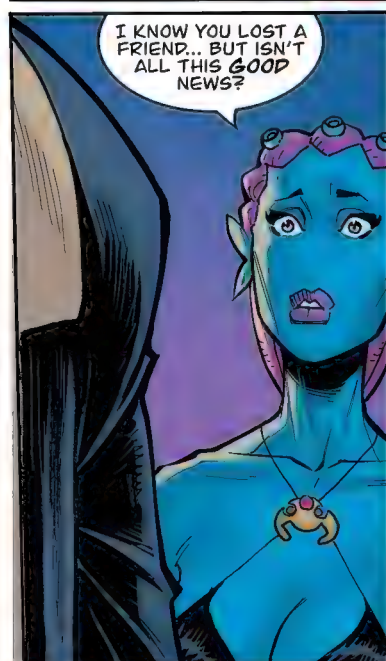
WE'RE GOING TO KILL HIM.

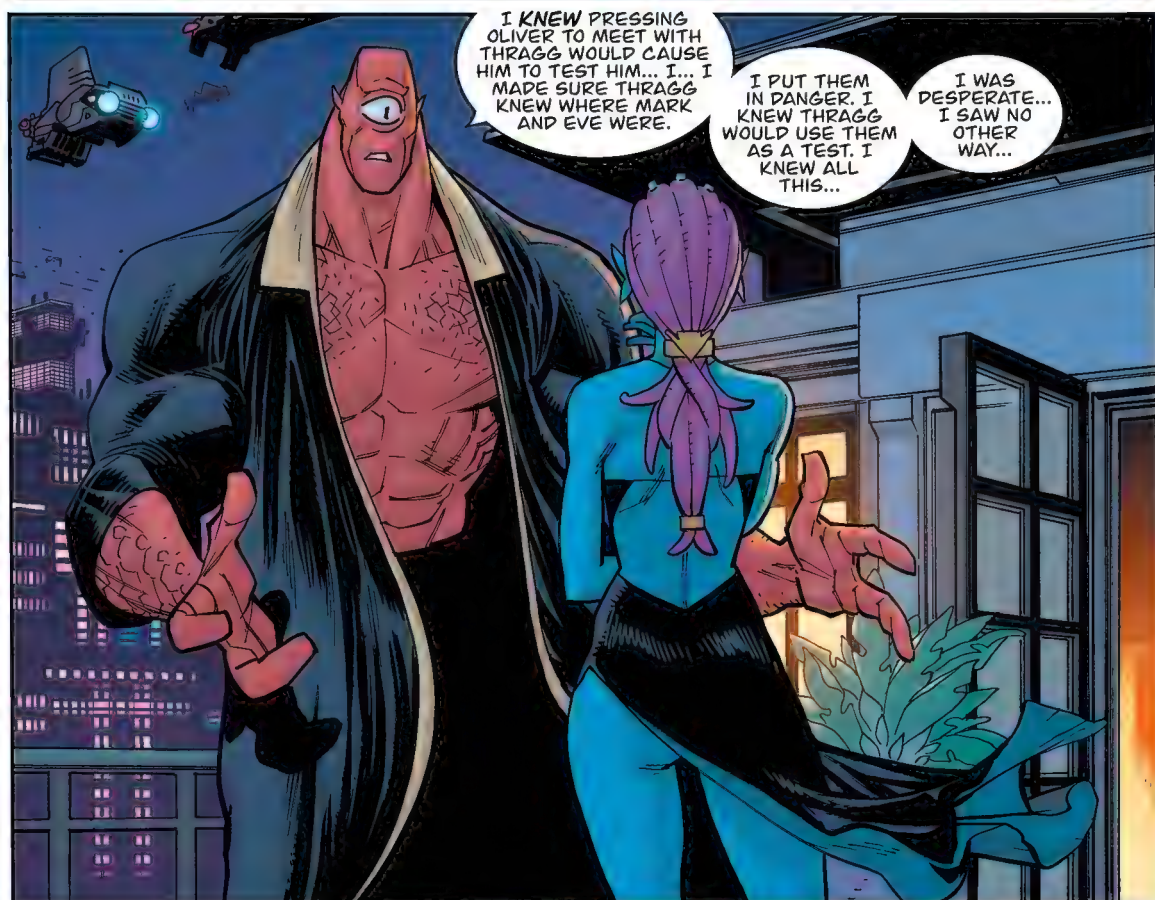














CHAPTER TWO







THIS WAS HIS PLACE...
HE'D COME HERE TO BE
ALONE AMONG HIS...
VICTIMS. HE WAS
A MONSTER...

BUT ONAAN
WAS STILL MY
BROTHER.



I'M
SORRY
THAT HE
DIED...



LIES!

YOU KNEW
HE WAS IN
DANGER AND
YOU DID
NOTHING!

YOU
DON'T CARE
ABOUT ANY
OF US!



WE'RE
JUST
SOLDIERS
TO YOU--
FODDER
FOR YOUR
GLORY!

BOLD
WORDS,
CHILD.

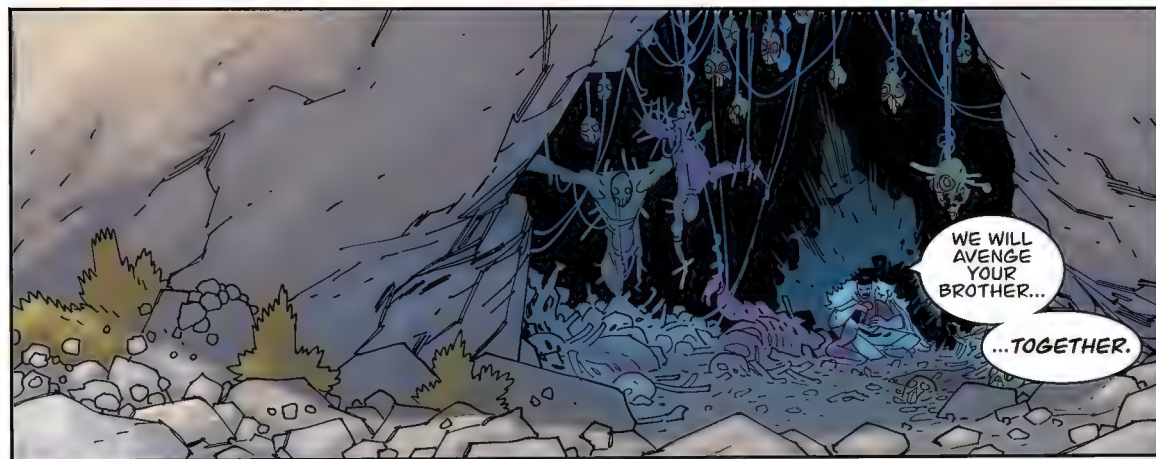
BUT YOU
COULDN'T
BE MORE
WRONG.



THERE
HASN'T BEEN
A DOCUMENTED
CASE OF TWINS IN
THE VILTRUMITE
RACE SINCE THE
SCOURGE VIRUS
DECIMATED OUR
POPULATION.

YOU
AND YOUR
BROTHER
WERE VERY
SPECIAL
TO ME.

R--
REALLY?





TERRA
HERE?

NO, MY
PARENTS STILL
HAVE HER.
EVERYTHING
OKAY?

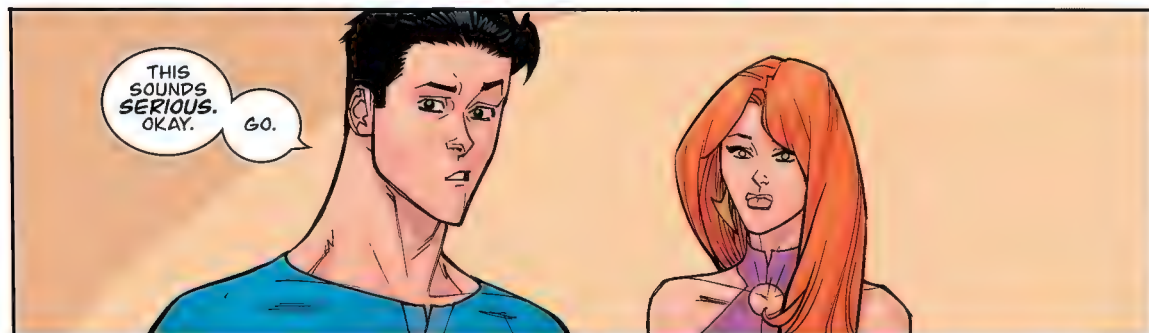
COME IN.
COME IN.



ALLEN!
TELIA!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

ALLEN NEEDS
TO TELL YOU
SOMETHING... I
JUST WANT YOU
TO HEAR HIM OUT
BEFORE YOU
DO ANYTHING
RASH.

AFTER
YESTERDAY...
I JUST WANT
TO MAKE SURE
COOLER HEADS
PREVAIL.



THIS
SOUNDS
SERIOUS.
OKAY. GO.

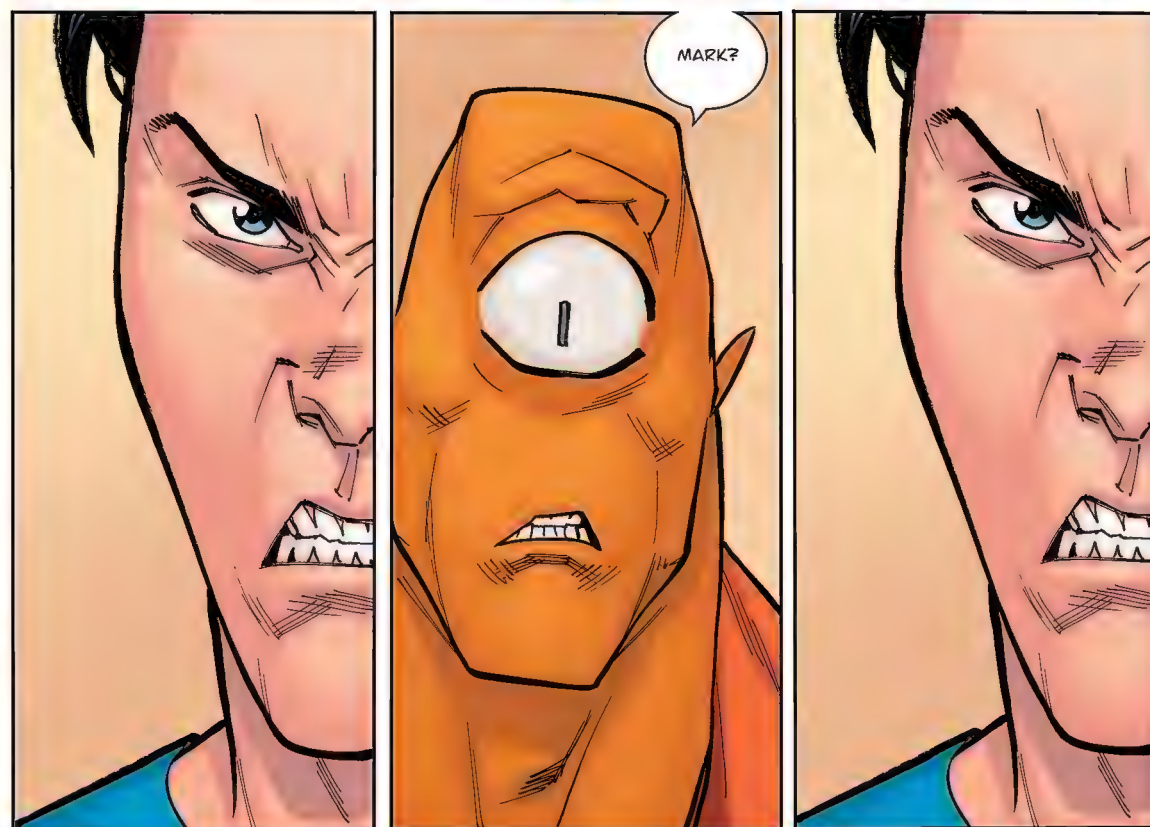


THIS
ISN'T
EASY.

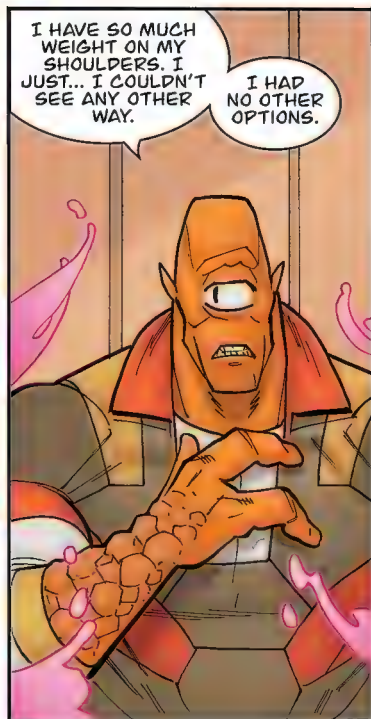
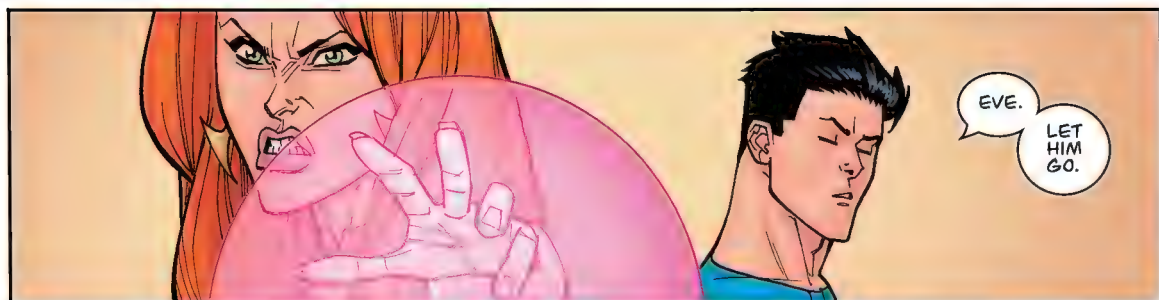


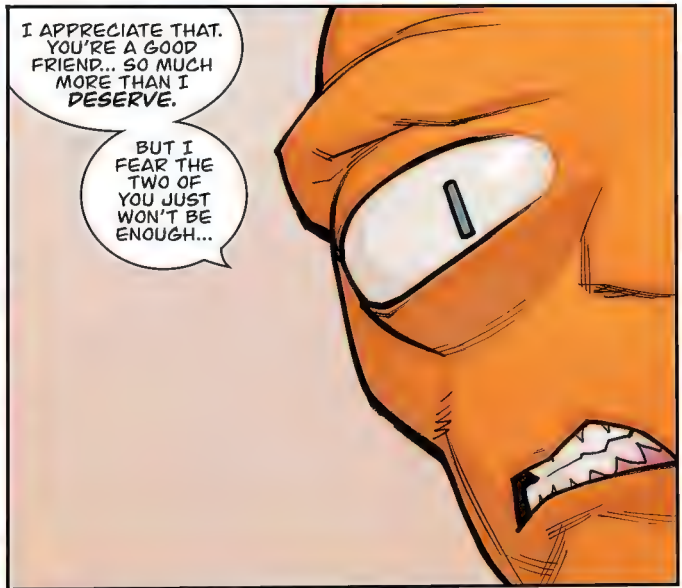
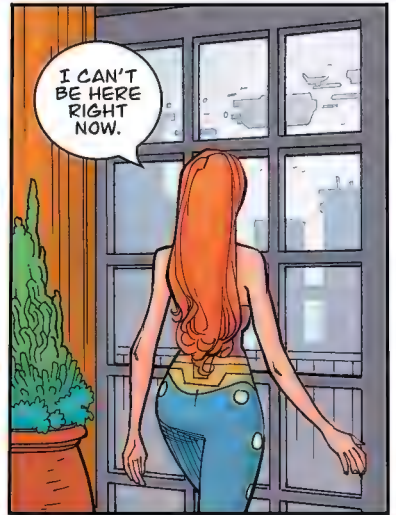
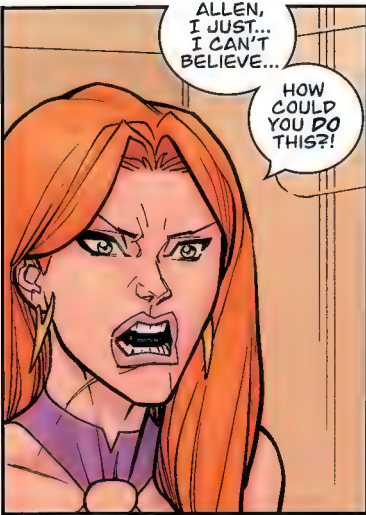
WHAT
HAPPENED?
DID
SOMEONE
DIE?

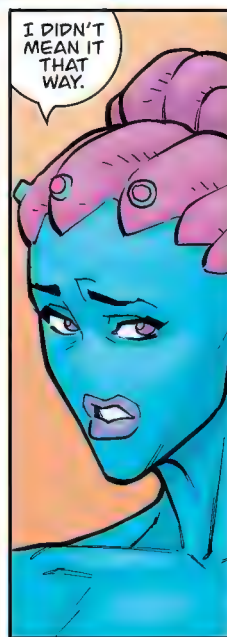
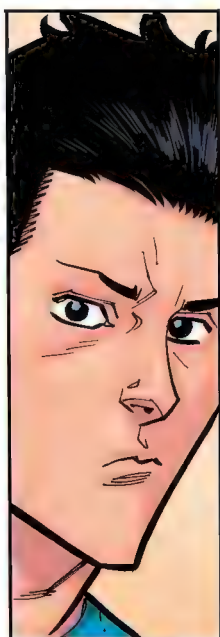
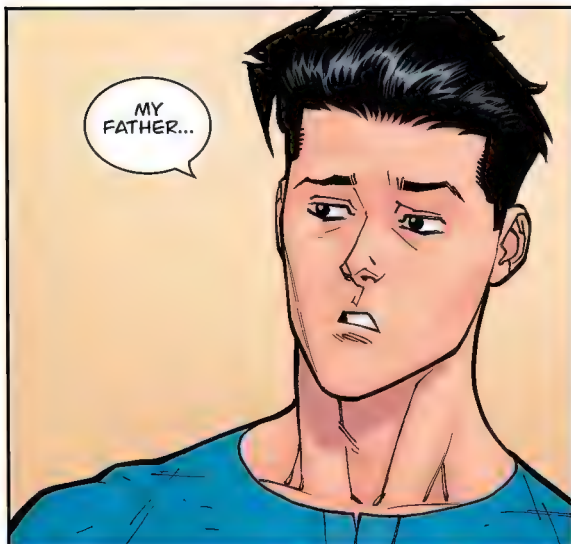
HOW
BAD IS
IT?















THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE NOT TO ACT! **OLIVER IS DEAD!** YOU THINK THRAGG STOPS THERE? YOU THINK HE'S NOT COMING AFTER YOU ONCE HIS FORCES ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOU?!

THIS COULD BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO PUT A STOP TO THRAGG'S PLANS.

OUR LAST CHANCE TO AVENGE OLIVER'S DEATH.



I CAN'T PUT THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE AT RISK...



WHAT ABOUT THRAGG'S ARMY?! ARE THOSE NOT **OUR PEOPLE?**! ARE THEY NOT VILTRUMITES?!

THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED BY A TYRANT!

LIBERATE THEM! THEY WILL BRING US BACK FROM THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION IMMEDIATELY.



YOU KNOW IT'S NOT THAT EASY.



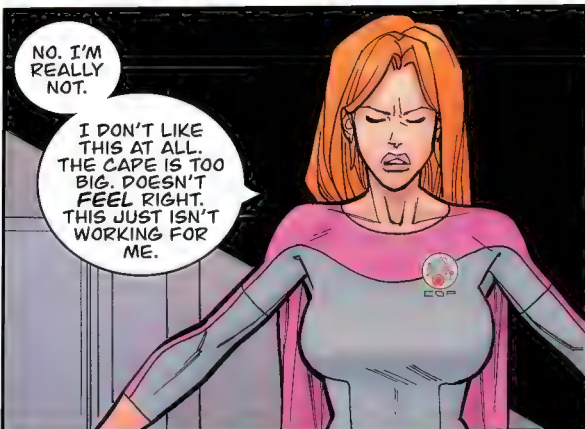
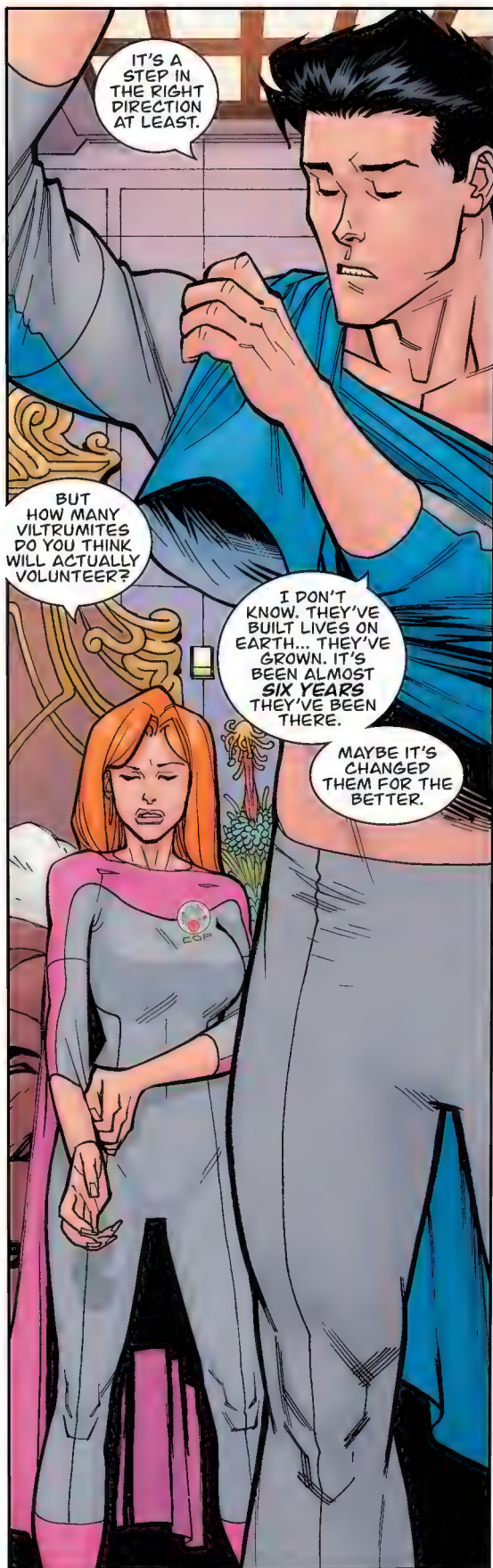
IT'S NOT! AND IT'S GETTING **HARDER** EVERY MINUTE WE WASTE ARGUING ABOUT THIS. IT'S **DO OR DIE** TIME!

IT'S NOT A MATTER OF KEEPING OUR PEOPLE SAFE BY SITTING THIS OUT--IT'S A MATTER OF BRINGING EVERYONE TOGETHER... WHILE WE'RE STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO FACE THIS!

YOU HAVE A **RESPONSIBILITY** HERE!

OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU LET **THRAGG** GO IN THE FIRST PLACE?!







MUCH
BETTER!

REALLY?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?



I DON'T KNOW... IT'S JUST... WHY? I DON'T NEED TO WEAR A MASK ANYMORE. MY IDENTITY ISN'T SECRET.

SO WHAT'S THE POINT?

ISN'T "IT LOOKS COOL" ENOUGH?



THE DAMN THING WILL GET RIPPED OFF WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF YOUR FIRST FIGHT ANYWAY.



FAIR ENOUGH.

FEELS GOOD... ALTHOUGH IT HASN'T BEEN ALL THAT LONG FOR ME.

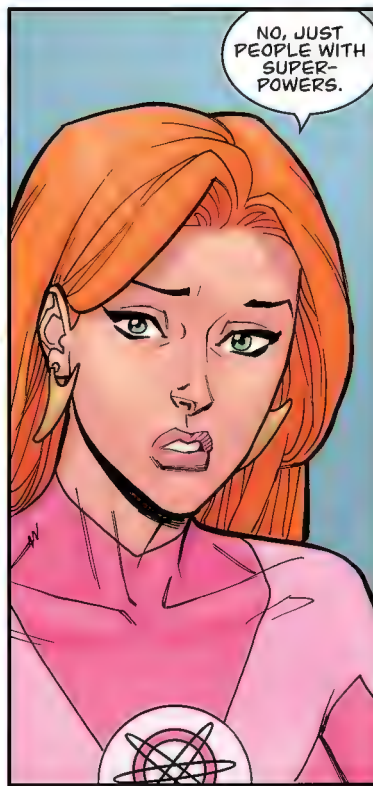
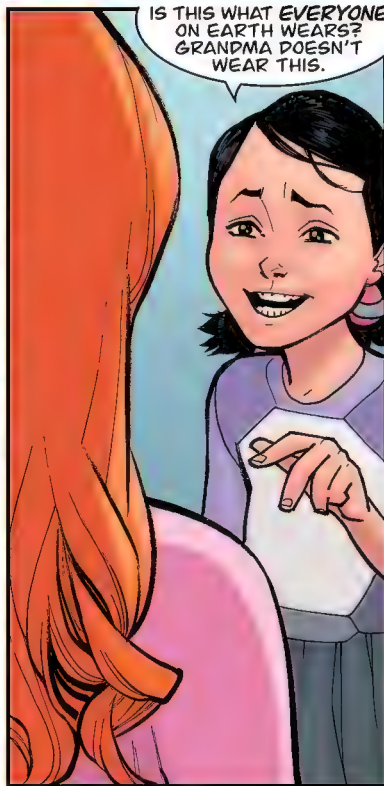
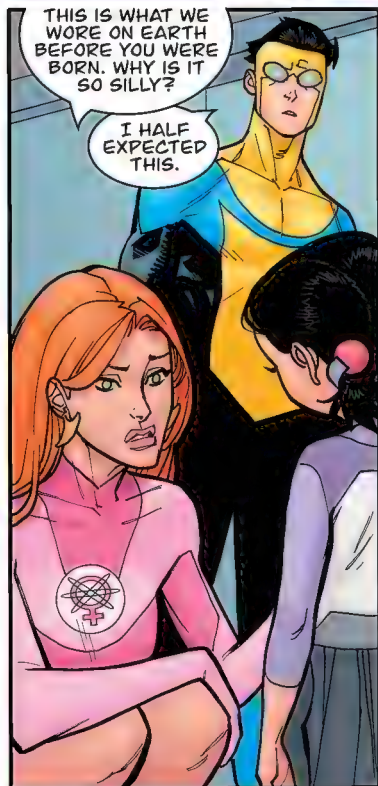
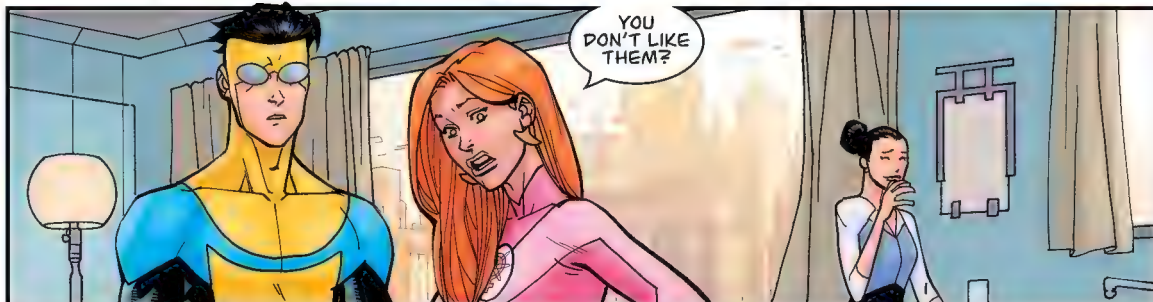
WELL, IT'S BEEN SO LONG FOR ME I'M SURE I GOT SOME OF THE DETAILS WRONG.

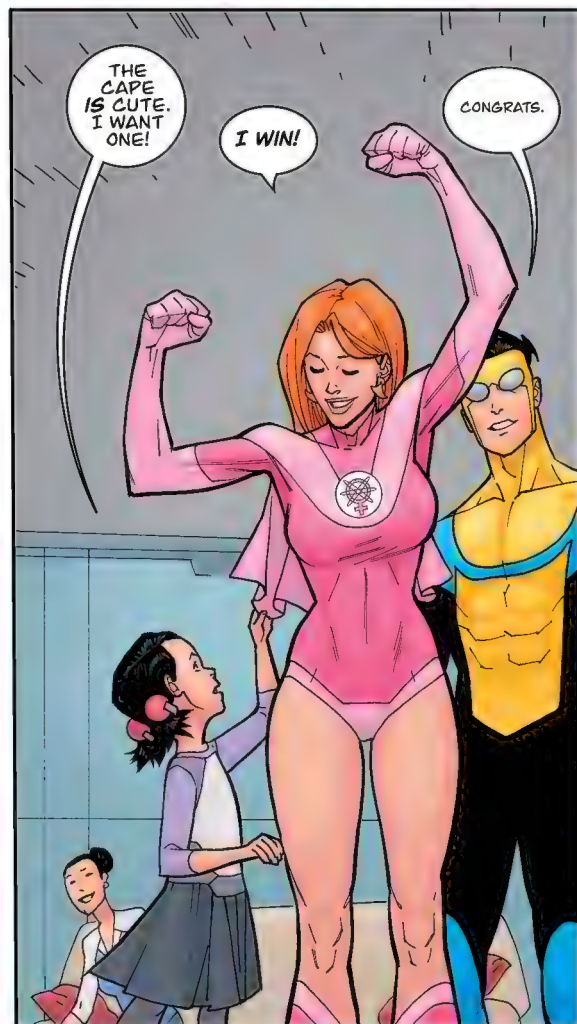
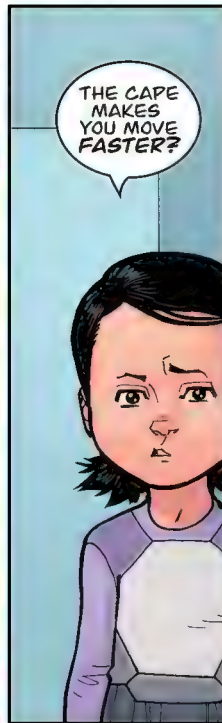
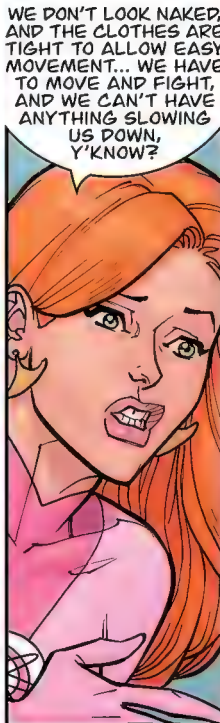
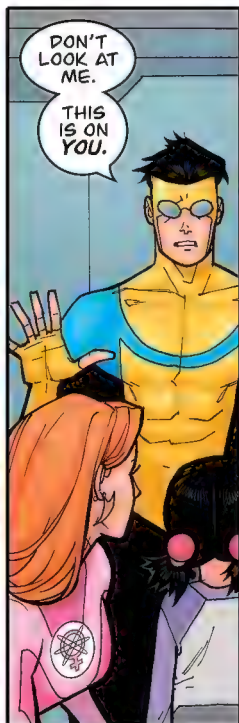


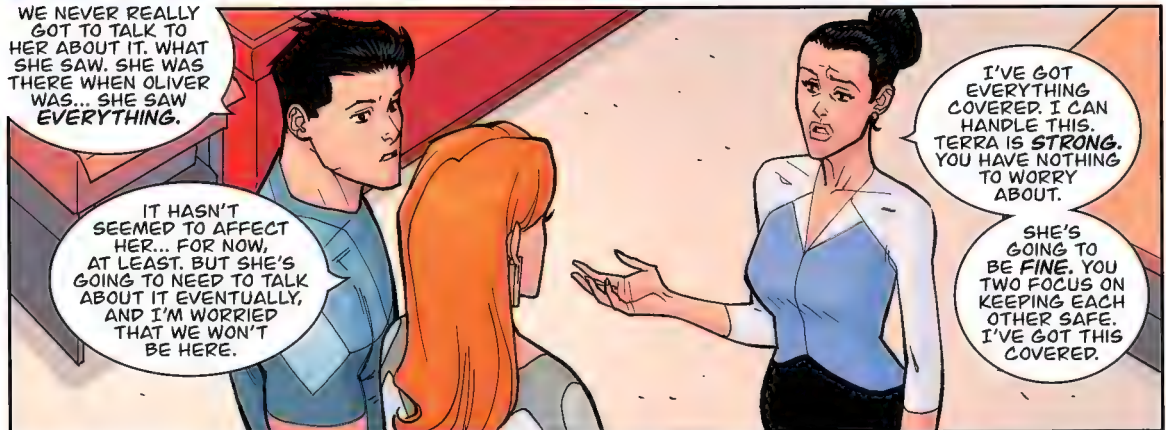
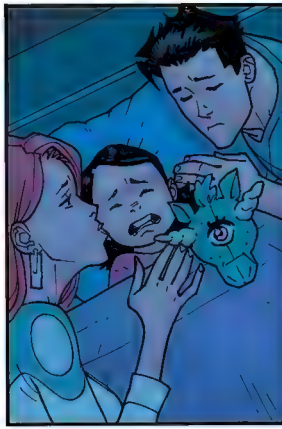
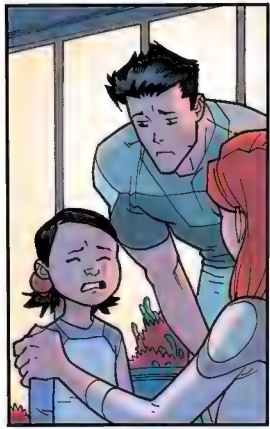
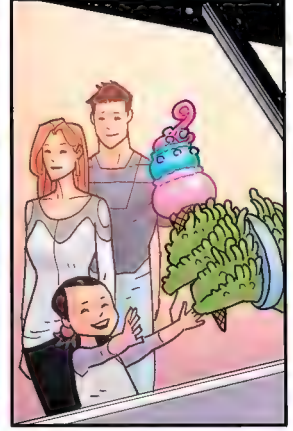
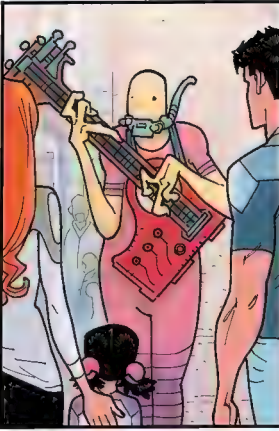
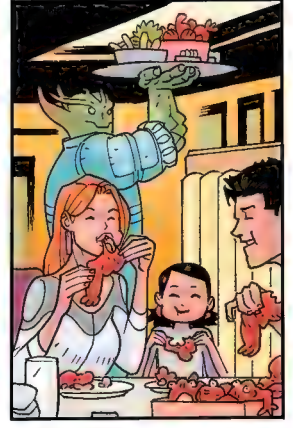
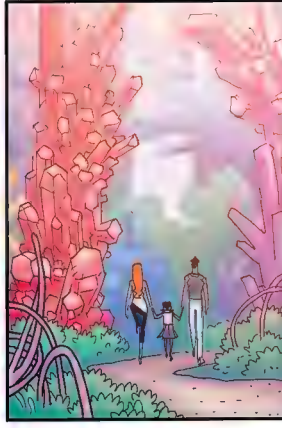
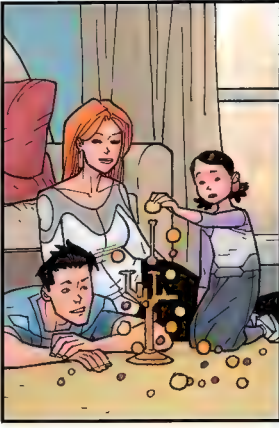
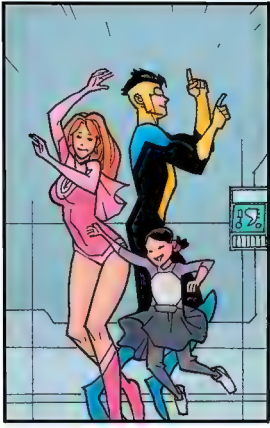
OKAY, LET'S CHECK IN ON THE GIRL.

I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR WHAT SHE THINKS OF THESE COSTUMES.









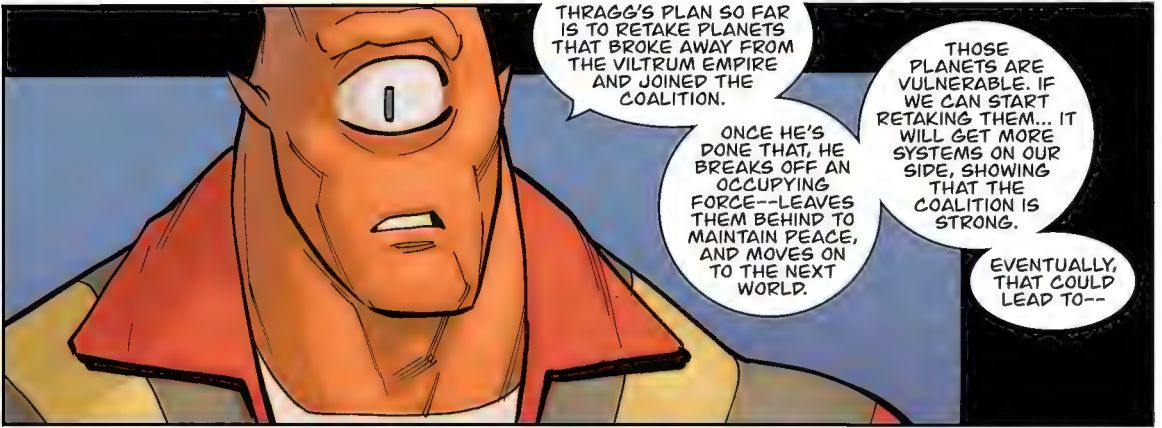
WE NEVER REALLY GOT TO TALK TO HER ABOUT IT. WHAT SHE SAW. SHE WAS THERE WHEN OLIVER WAS... SHE SAW EVERYTHING.

IT HASN'T SEEMED TO AFFECT HER... FOR NOW, AT LEAST. BUT SHE'S GOING TO NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT EVENTUALLY, AND I'M WORRIED THAT WE WON'T BE HERE.

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING COVERED. I CAN HANDLE THIS. TERRA IS **STRONG**. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

SHE'S GOING TO BE **FINE**. YOU TWO FOCUS ON KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE. I'VE GOT THIS COVERED.



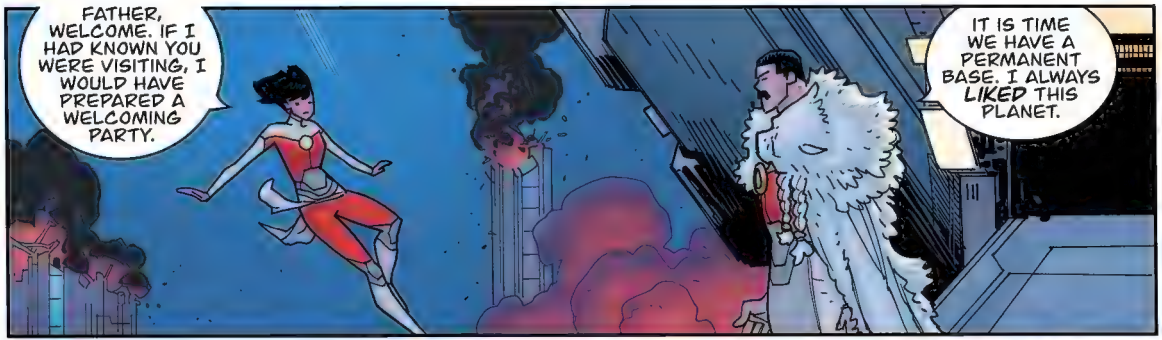




CHAPTER THREE







FATHER, WELCOME. IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE VISITING, I WOULD HAVE PREPARED A WELCOMING PARTY.

IT IS TIME WE HAVE A PERMANENT BASE. I ALWAYS LIKED THIS PLANET.



HOW ARE THINGS PROGRESSING?

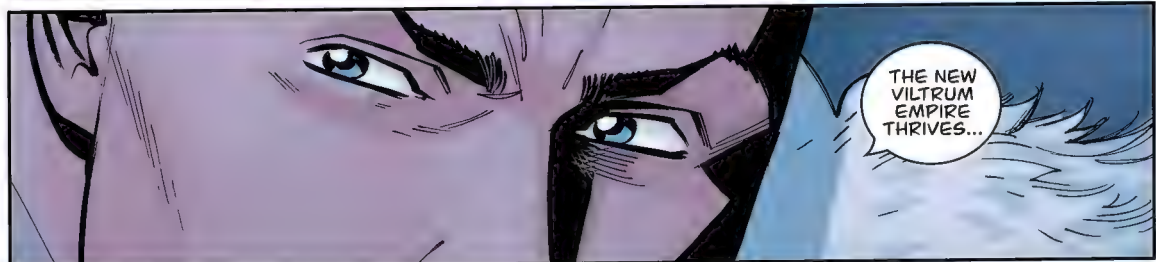
THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DISMANTLED, AND ALL CONTACT WITH THE COALITION OF PLANETS HAS CEASED.

IT'S TAKEN LONGER THAN WE ANTICIPATED, BUT THERE'S LITTLE MORE THAN DISCONNECTED TEAMS OF REBELS LEFT IN THE RESISTANCE.

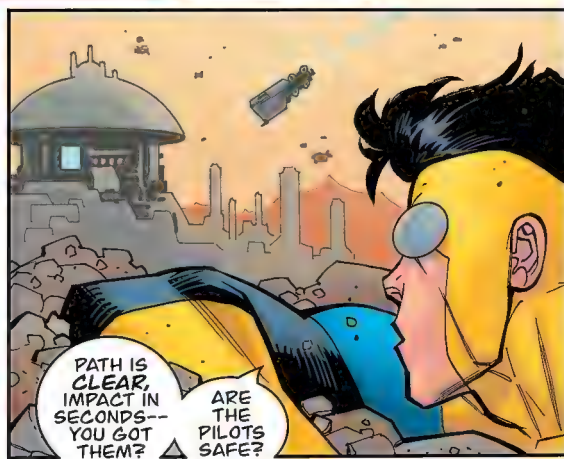
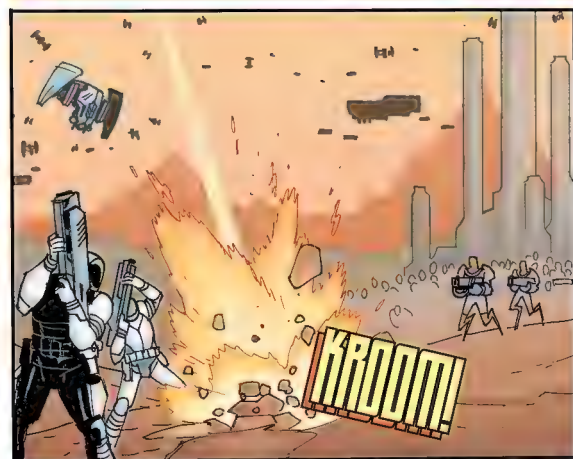
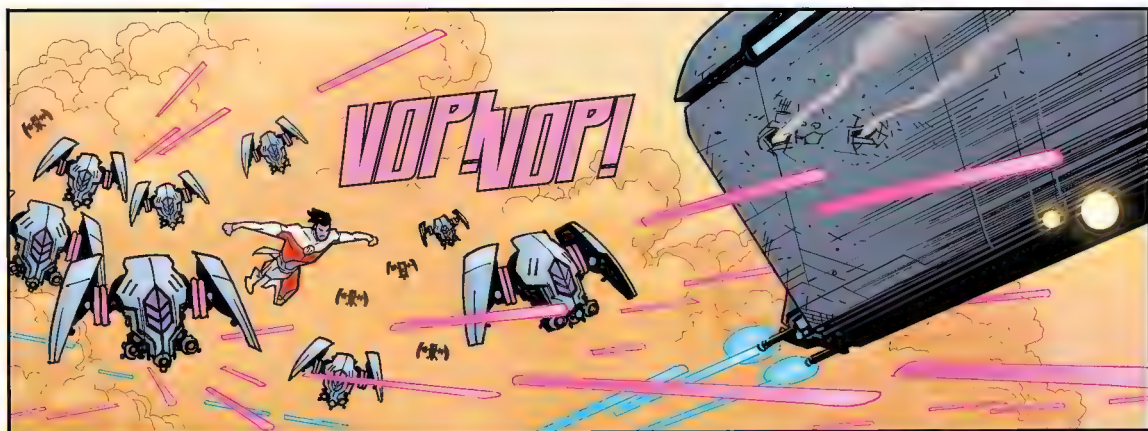
THEIR LEADERS HAVE BEEN BROKEN.

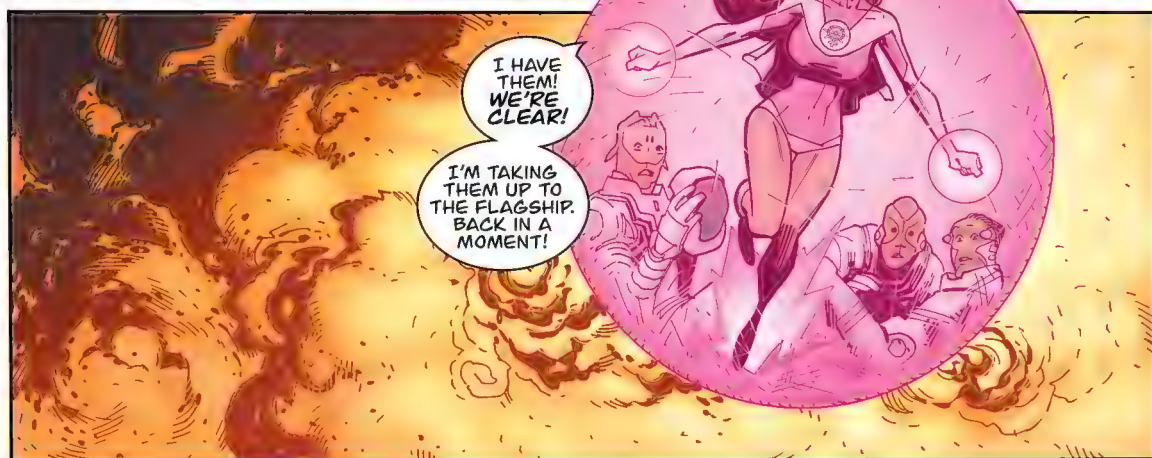


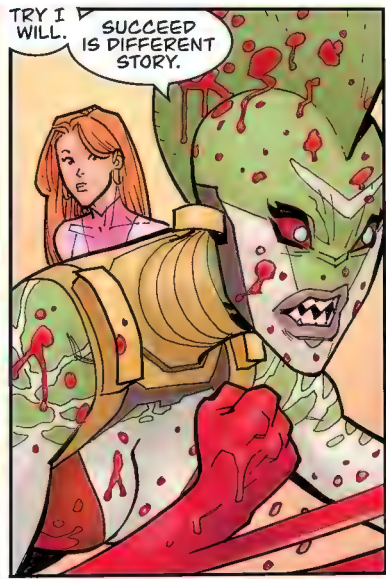
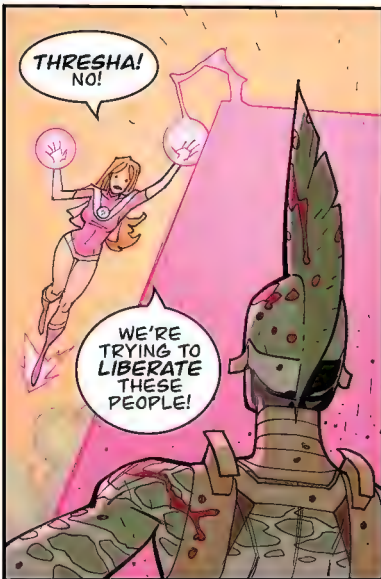
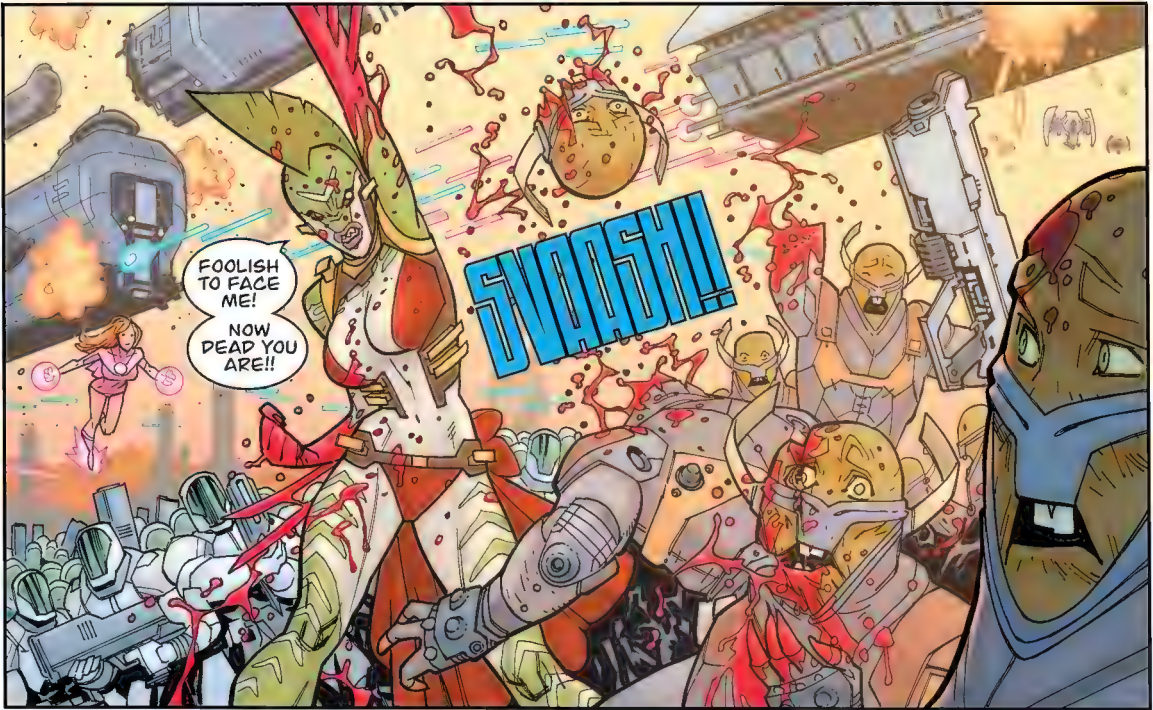
EXCELLENT.



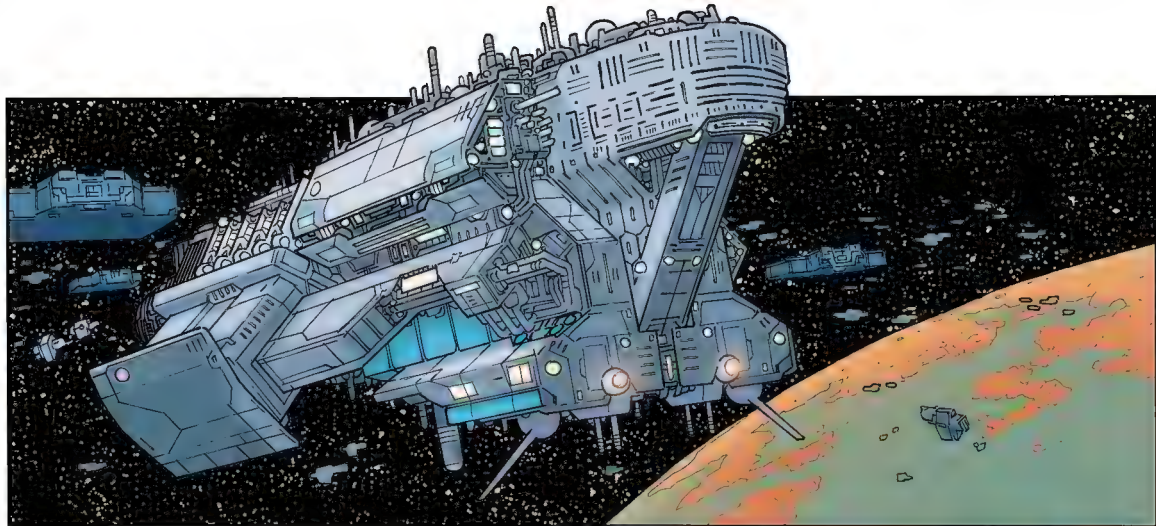
THE NEW VILTRUM EMPIRE THRIVES...

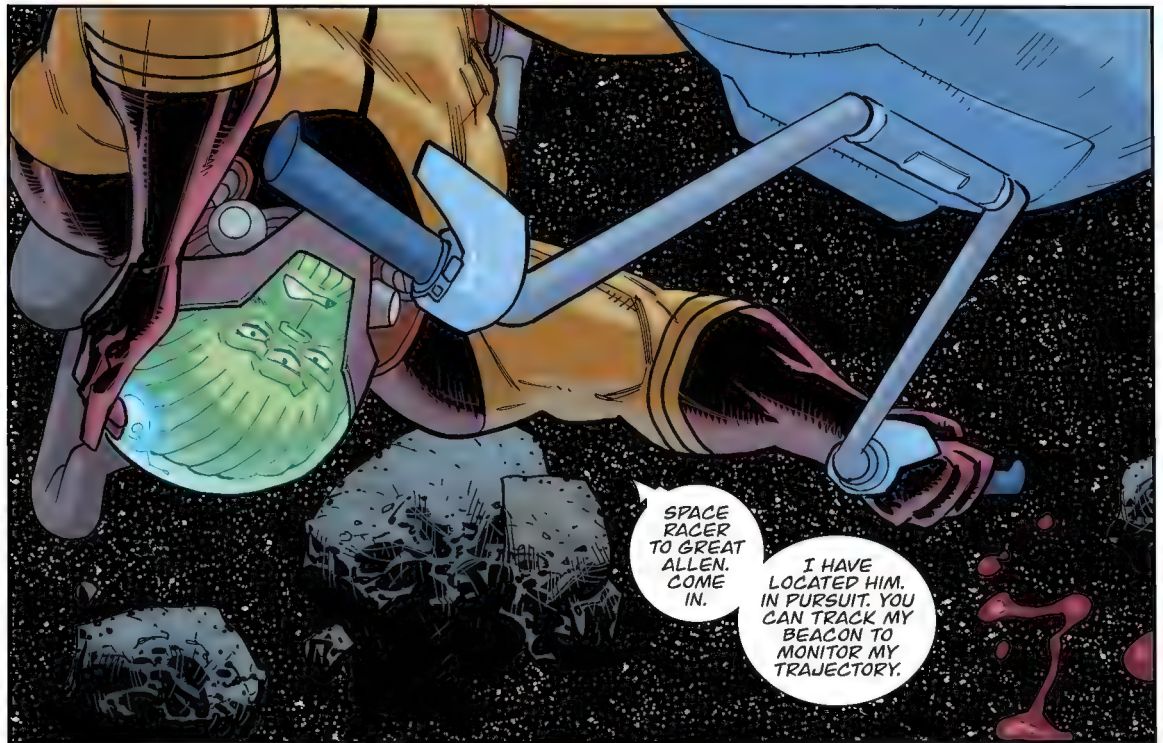








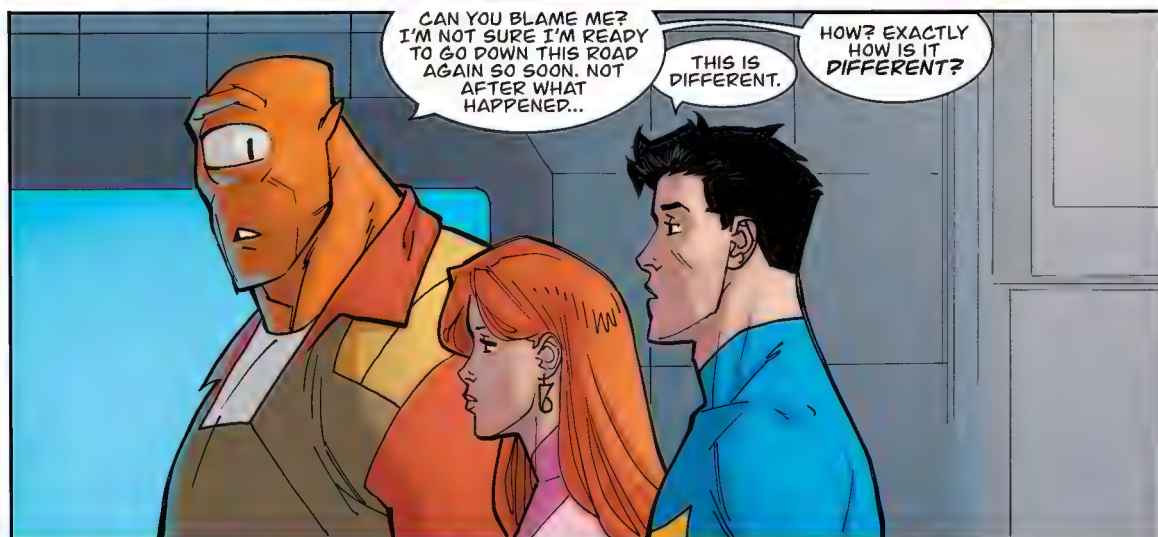






ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS PLAN?

YOU'RE NOT?



CAN YOU BLAME ME? I'M NOT SURE I'M READY TO GO DOWN THIS ROAD AGAIN SO SOON. NOT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED...

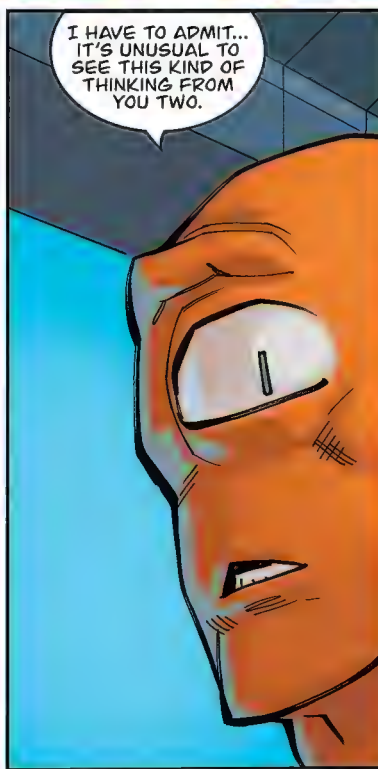
THIS IS DIFFERENT.

HOW? EXACTLY HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?



THERE'S MORE AT STAKE... IF DONE RIGHT, THIS WAY WILL SAVE LIVES.

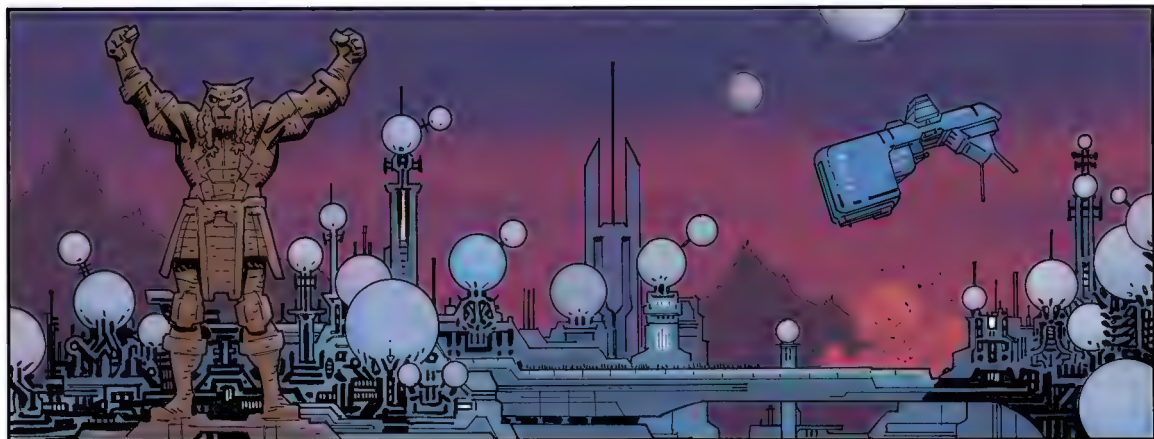
TRUST US.



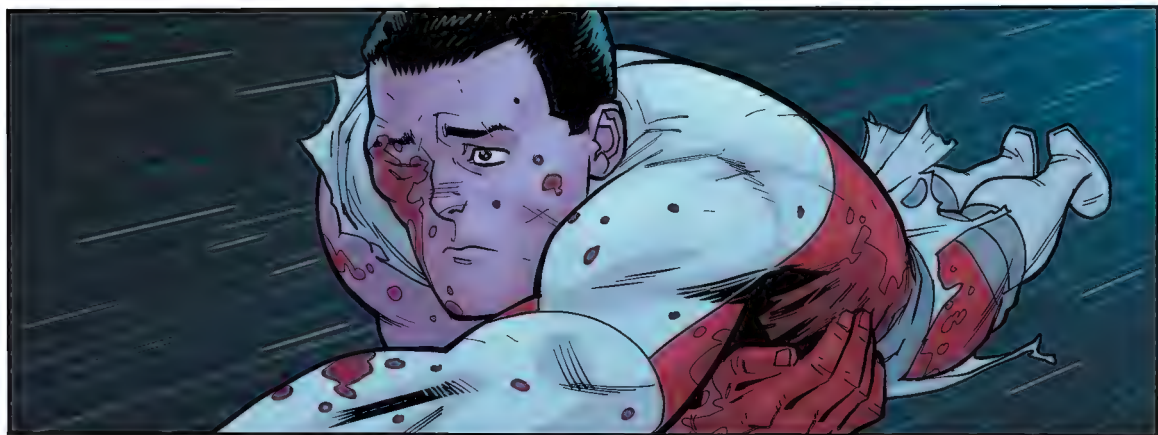
I HAVE TO ADMIT... IT'S UNUSUAL TO SEE THIS KIND OF THINKING FROM YOU TWO.

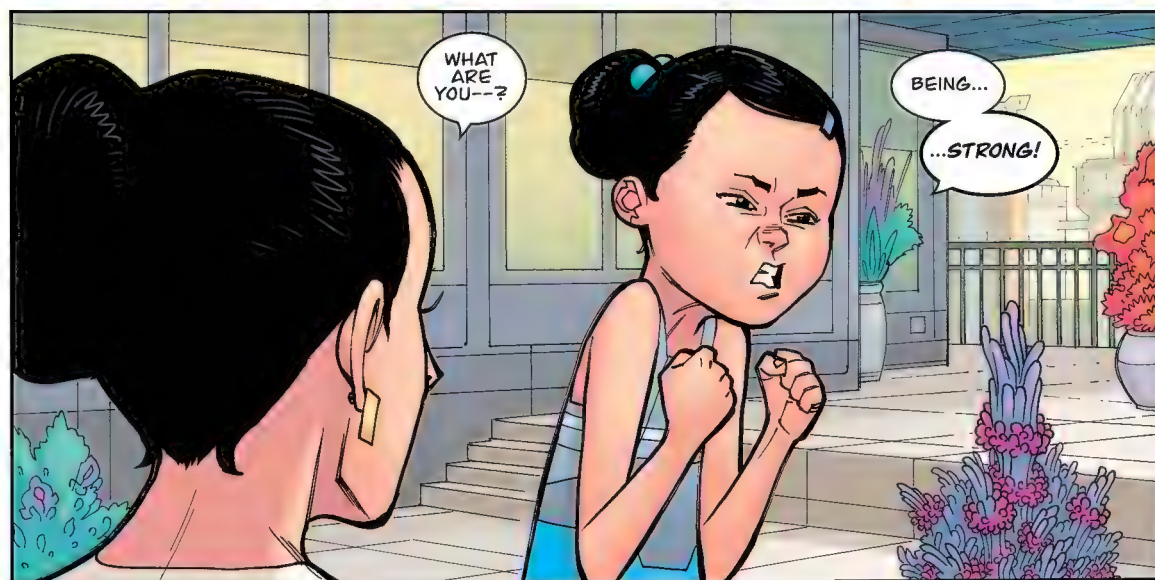
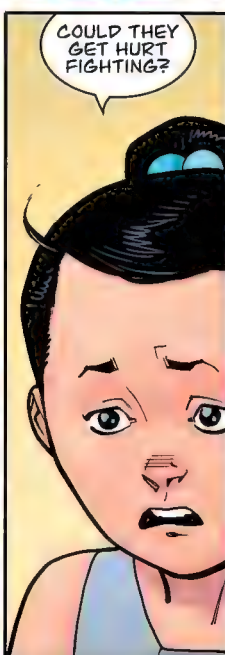
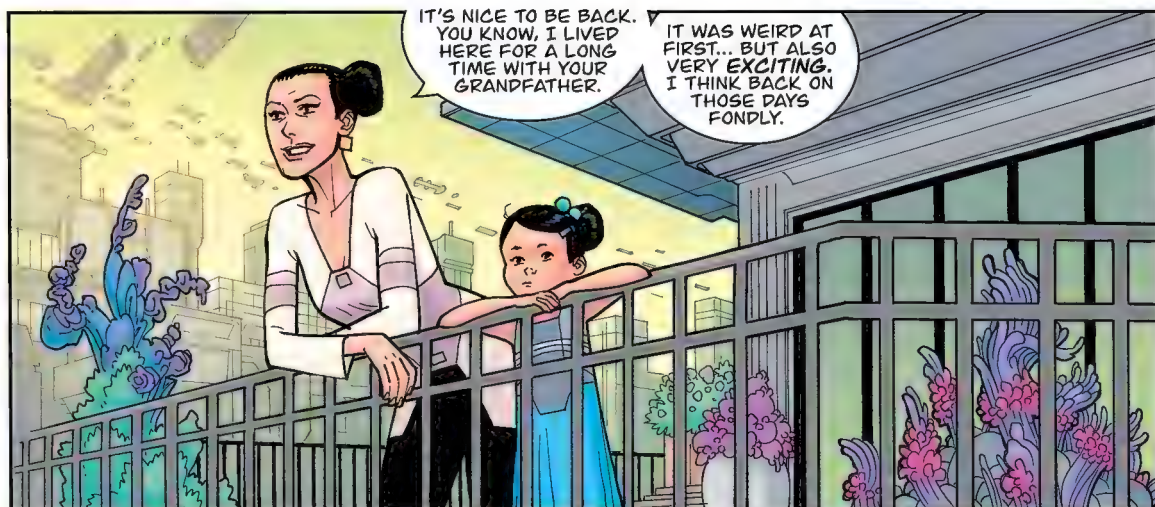


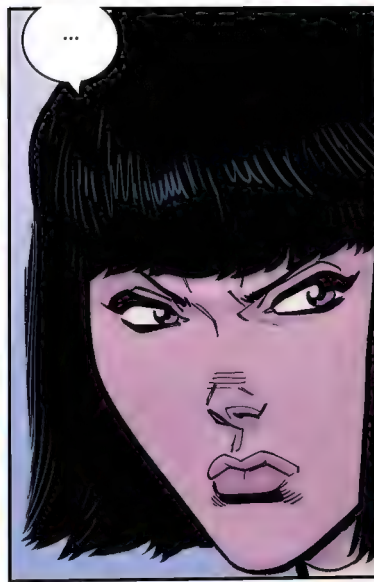
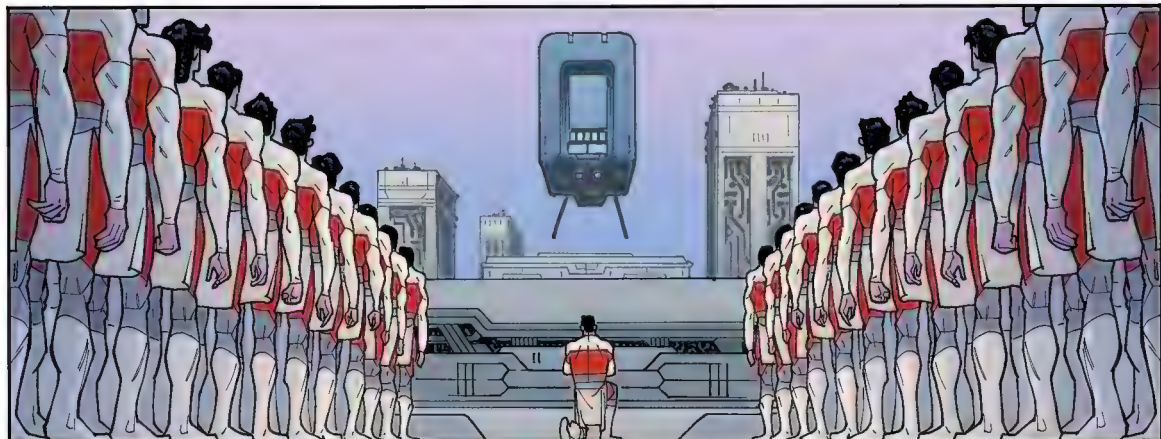
THIS IS HOW WE DO THINGS NOW.

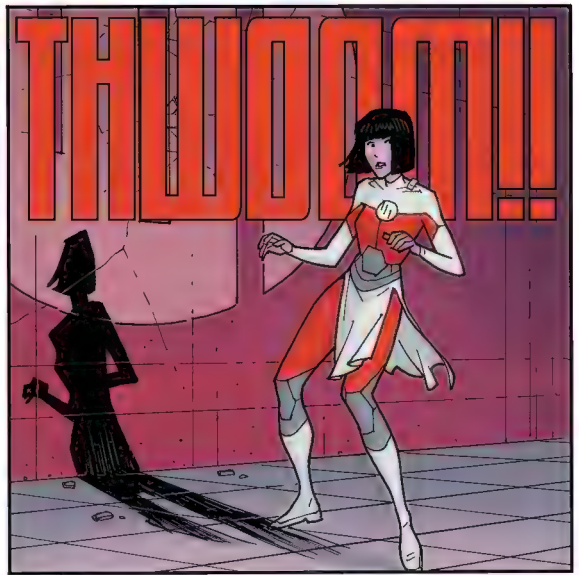














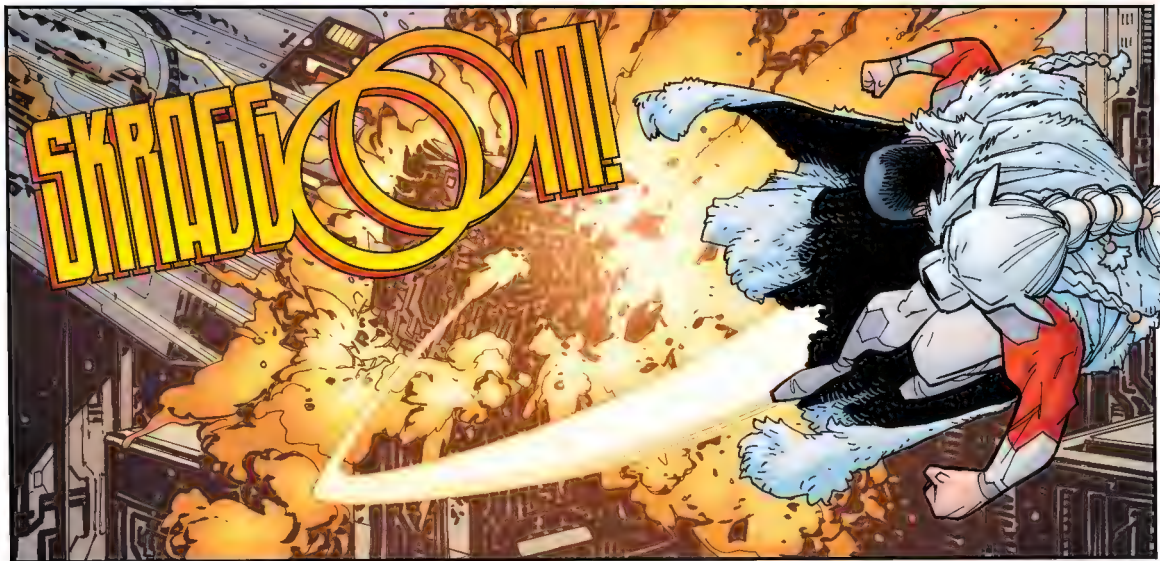
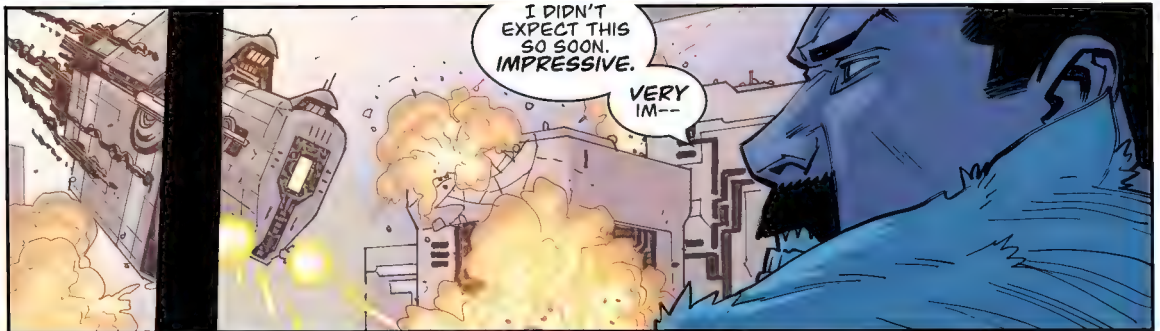
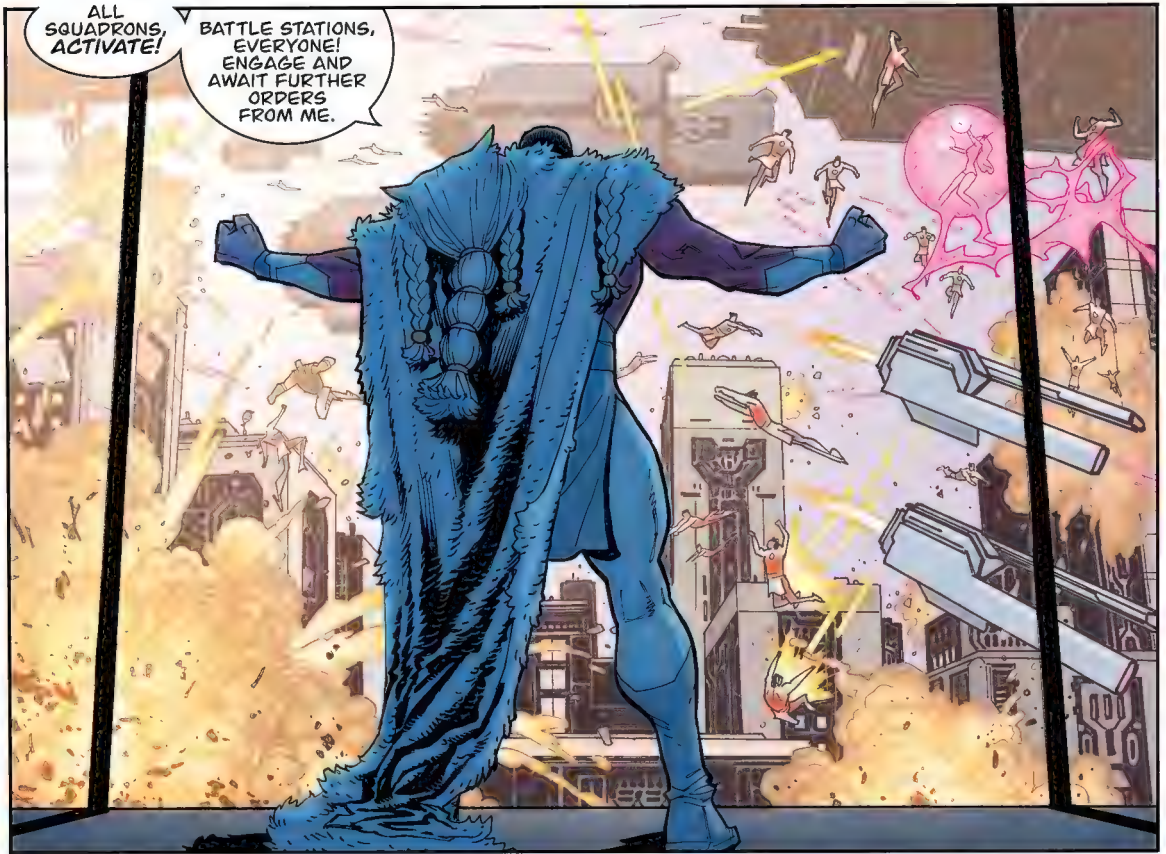






CHAPTER FOUR







LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT HIS ATTENTION.

THAT WAS QUICK.

MARK GRAYSON... OF COURSE YOU'RE ALIVE...



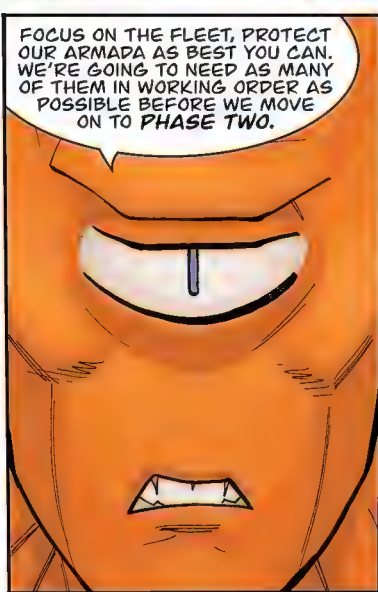
VILTRUMITES OF THE TRUE EMPIRE!

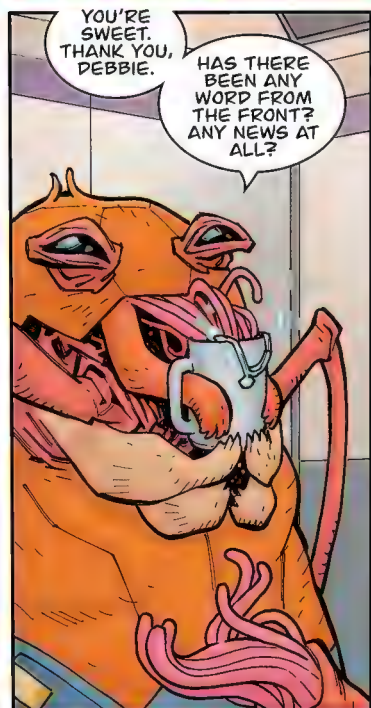
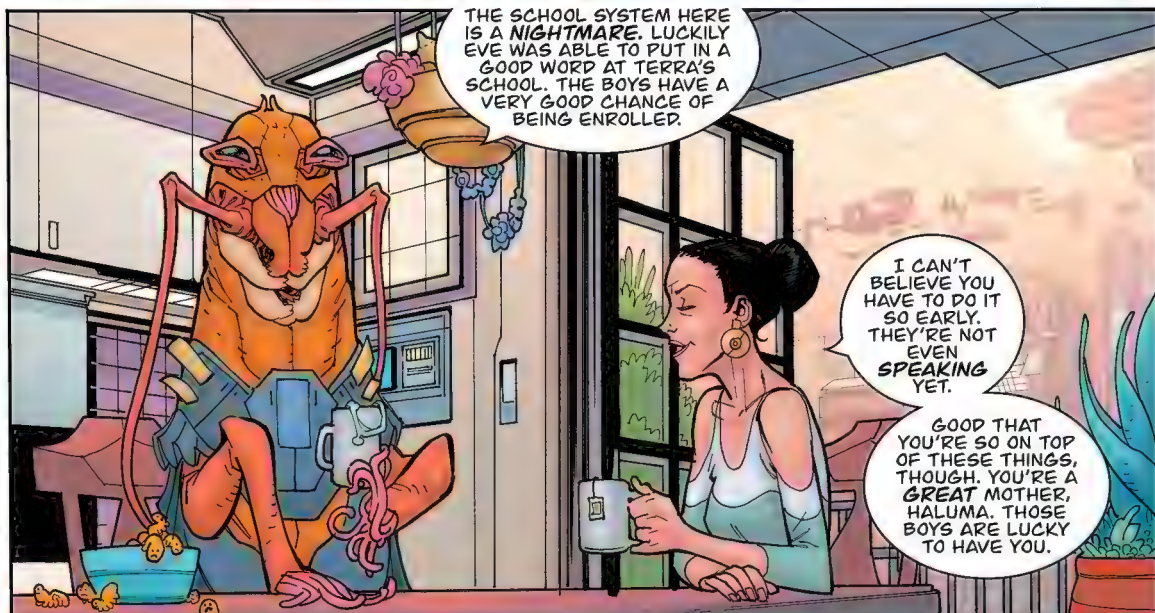
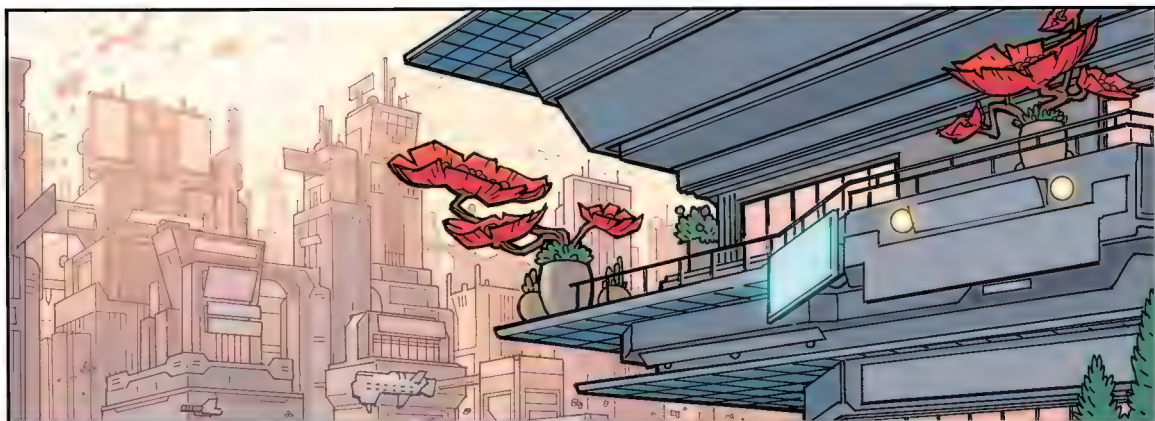
LET'S END THIS QUICKLY!

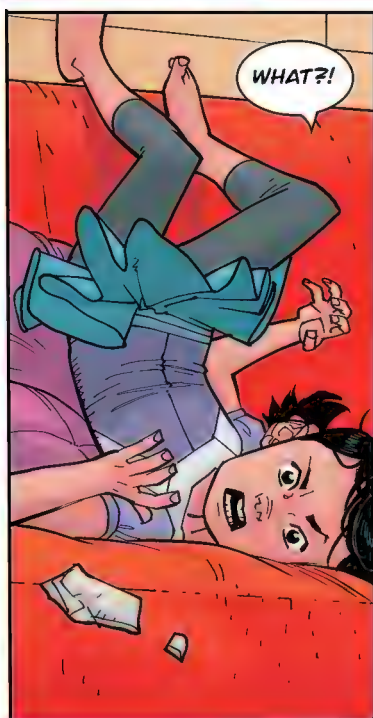
ALL FORCES CONVERGE ON ME!



BRING ME
THE SKULLS
OF THESE
TRAITORS!





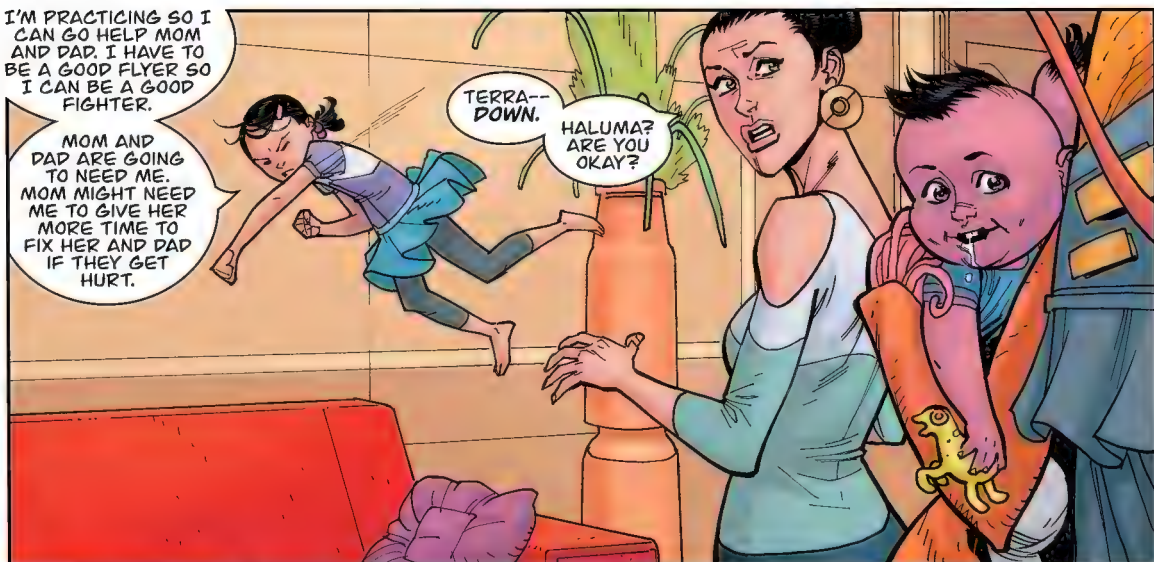


I'M PRACTICING SO I CAN GO HELP MOM AND DAD. I HAVE TO BE A GOOD FLYER SO I CAN BE A GOOD FIGHTER.

MOM AND DAD ARE GOING TO NEED ME. MOM MIGHT NEED ME TO GIVE HER MORE TIME TO FIX HER AND DAD IF THEY GET HURT.

TERRA--
DOWN.

HALUMA?
ARE YOU
OKAY?



NO--
PLEASE--

TAKE
THEM.

SURE, OF
COURSE.

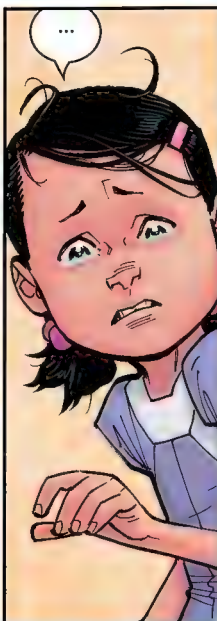
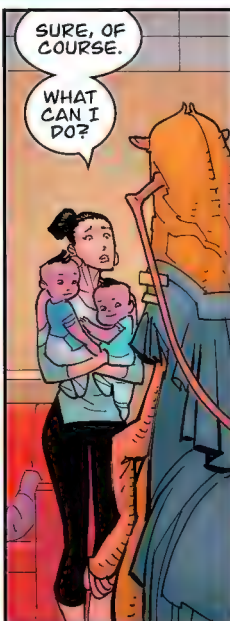
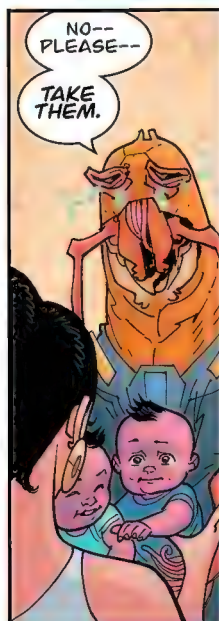
WHAT
CAN I
DO?

OLIVER MADE ME
FEEL... **SAFE**. THRAGG
IS OUT THERE,
VILTRUMITES ARE
EVERYWHERE... AND
HE'S... **GONE**.

I HEARD
THAT NOISE AND I
THOUGHT... I THOUGHT
I'D LOST **THEM**, TOO.
I JUST CAN'T--
I CAN'T--

...

TERRA,
DEAR.
DON'T CRY.
YOU DIDN'T
MEAN TO...



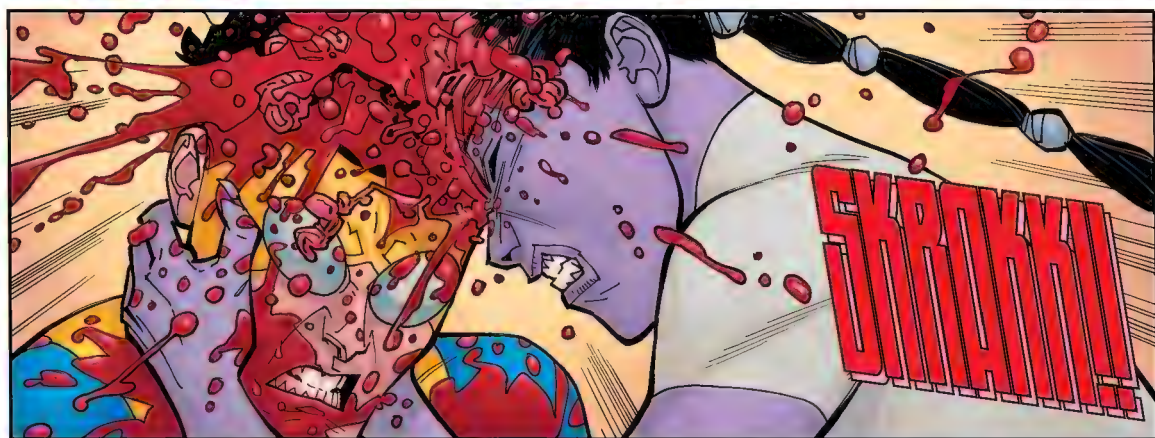
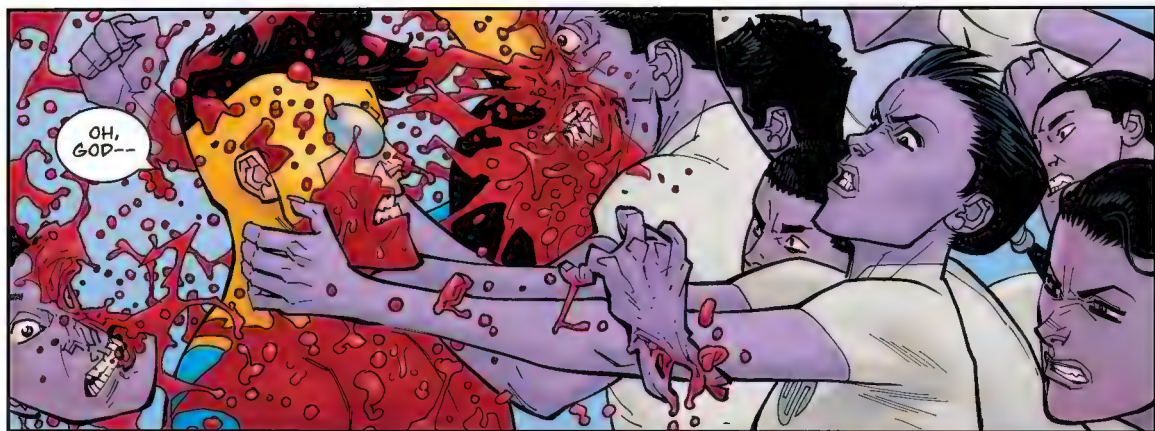
UNCLE OLIVER
TRIED TO SAVE
ME. HE FOUGHT
THE BAD
PEOPLE TO STOP
THEM FROM
KILLING ME.

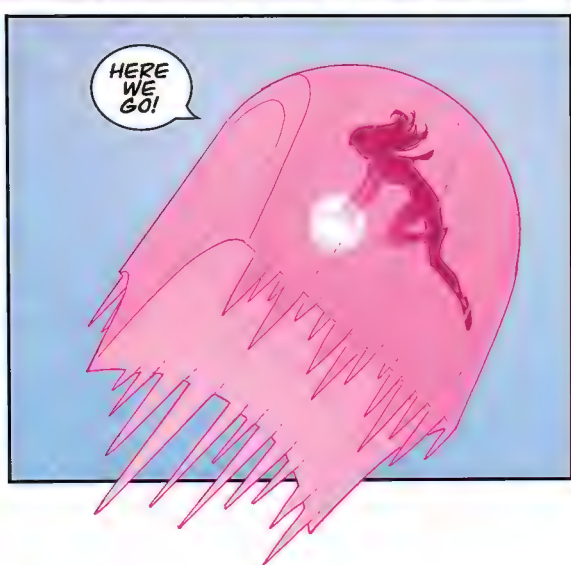
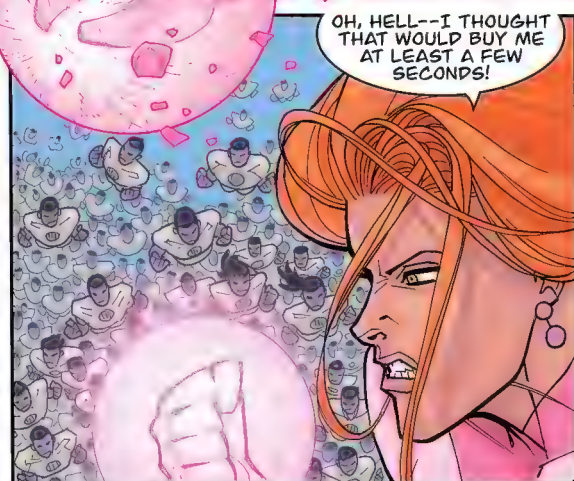
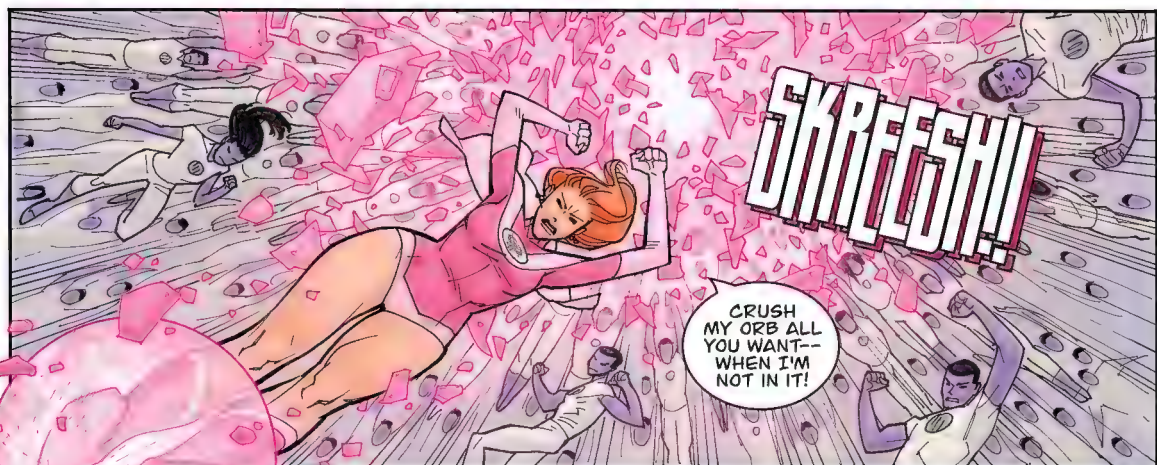
IT WAS
ALL MY
FAULT.

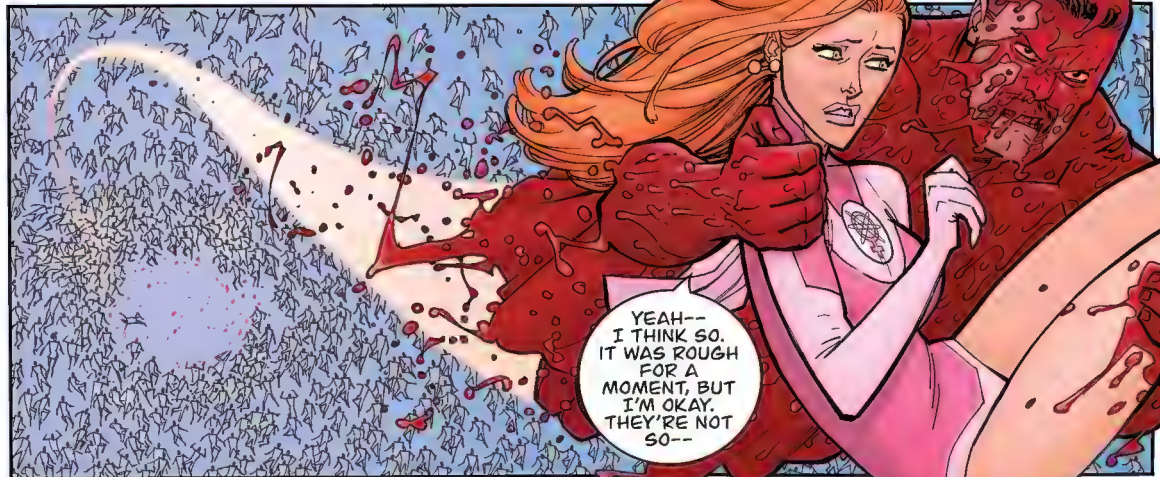
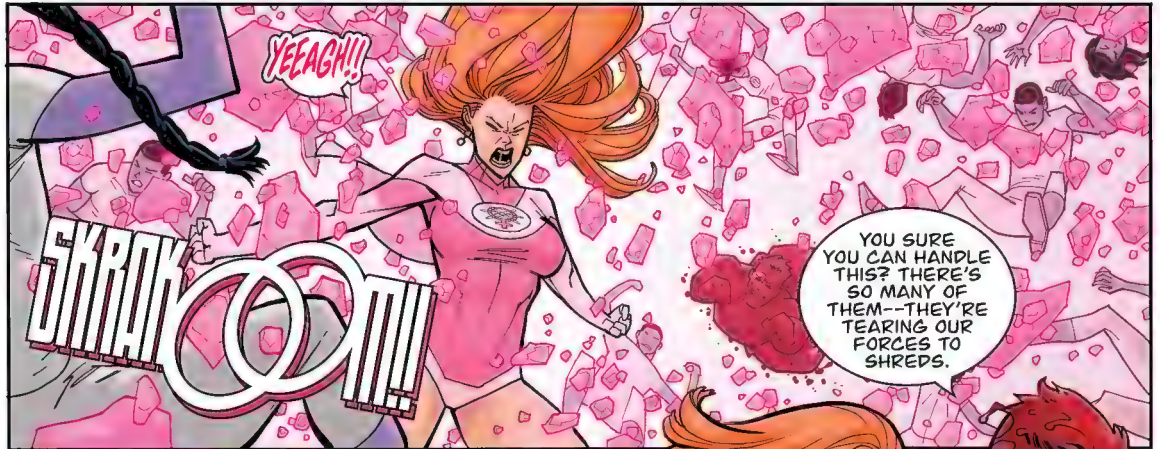
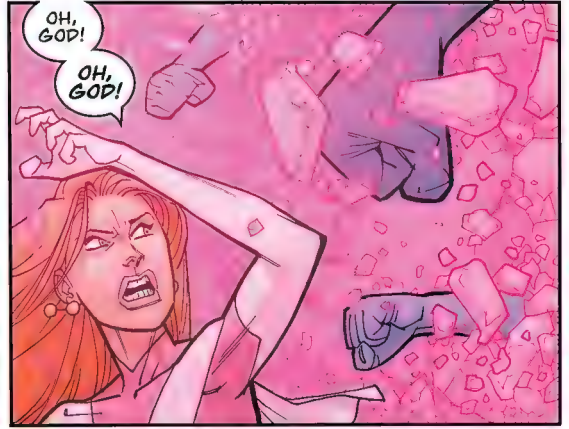
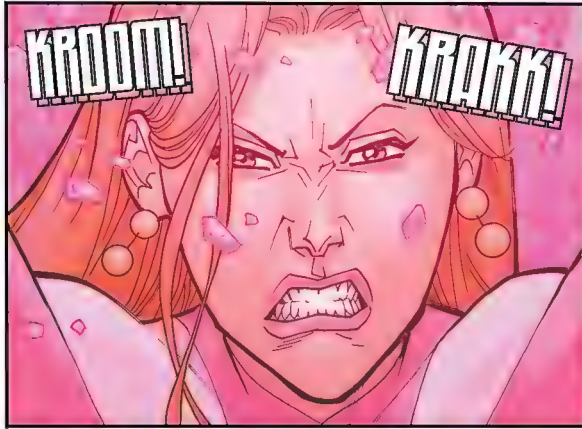
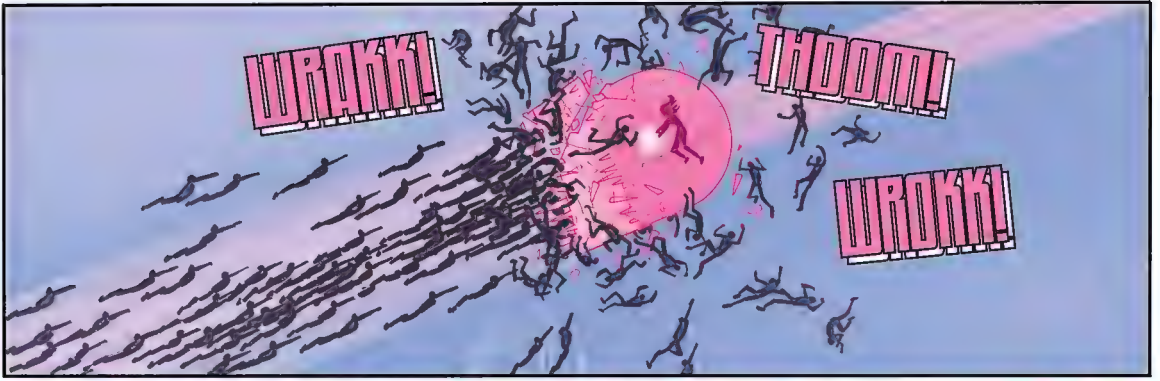
I WAS SO
SCARED. THE
BAD PEOPLE
HURT HIM SO
MUCH HIS WET
PARTS WERE
SHOWING... IT
WAS SAD AND
SCARY.

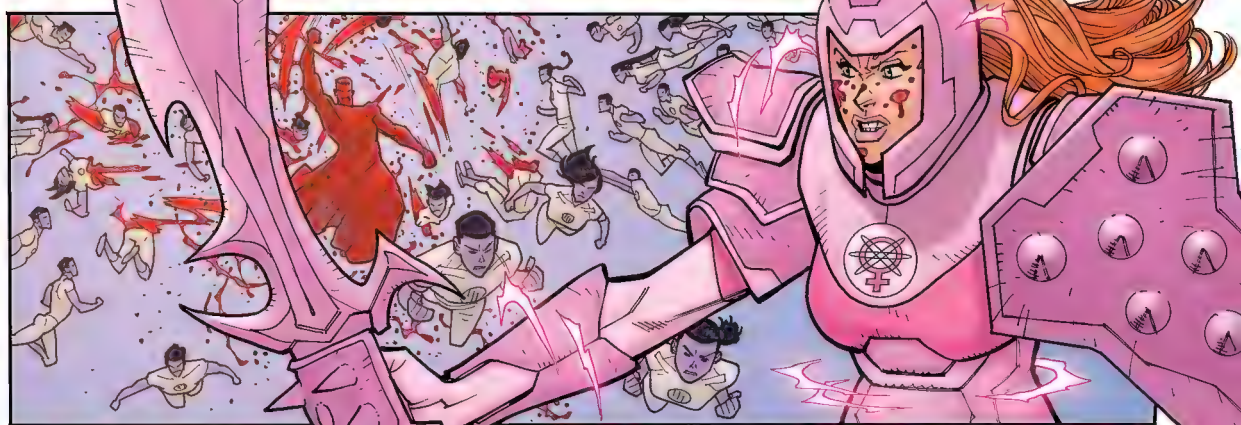
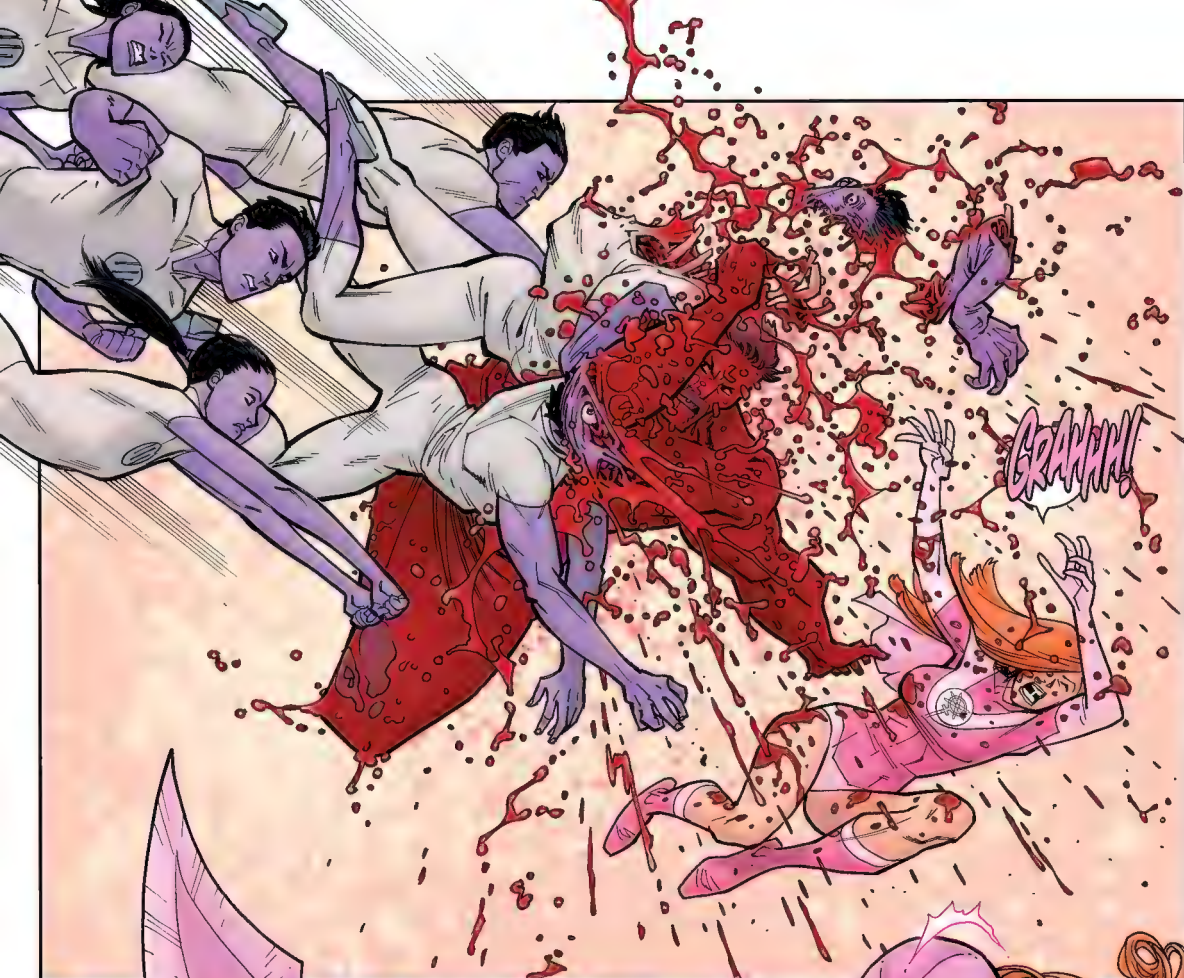
I'M **SORRY**
HE DIED. I HOPE
THAT NEVER
HAPPENS TO
ANYONE ELSE
EVER AGAIN
EVER.

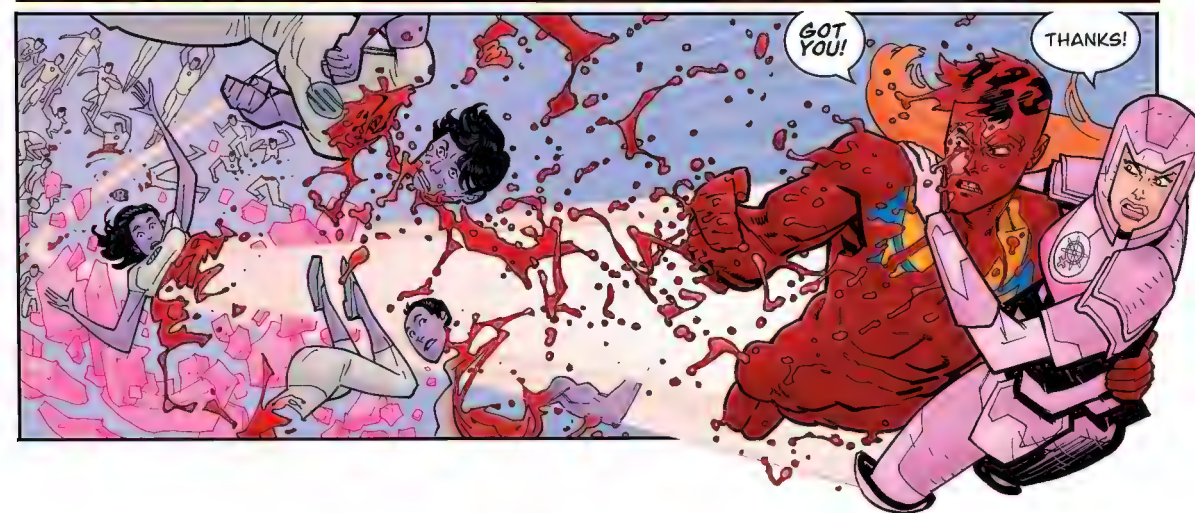
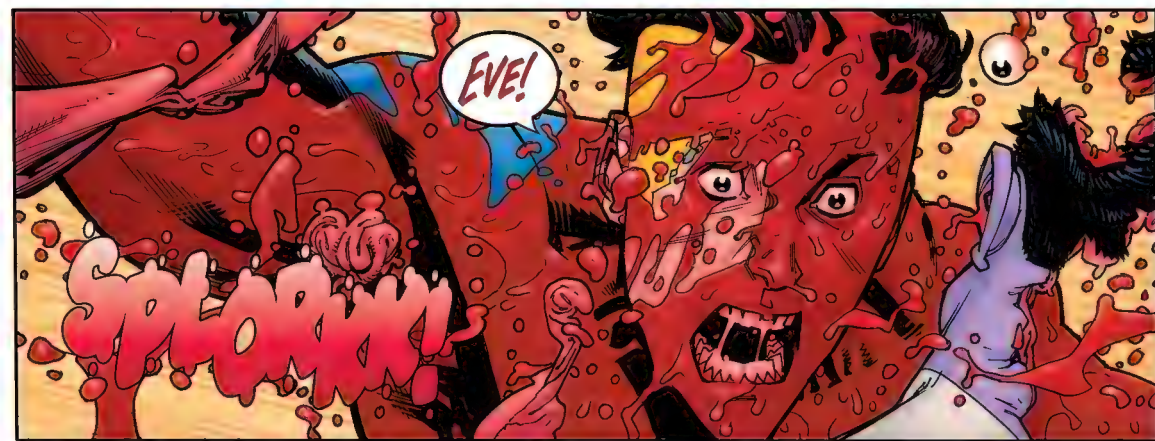
















THEY'RE
BREAKING
RANK. WE'VE
GOT THEM ON
THE RUN. THIS
BATTLE IS
WON.

BUT AT
WHAT
COST?!



WHAT?



MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS
ARE DYING! THEY'RE THROWING
THEMSELVES AT THE
ENEMY--IT'S KILLING
THEM!

DON'T YOU
SEE THE
BODY
COUNT?



I SEE
EVERYTHING!

THROKK!

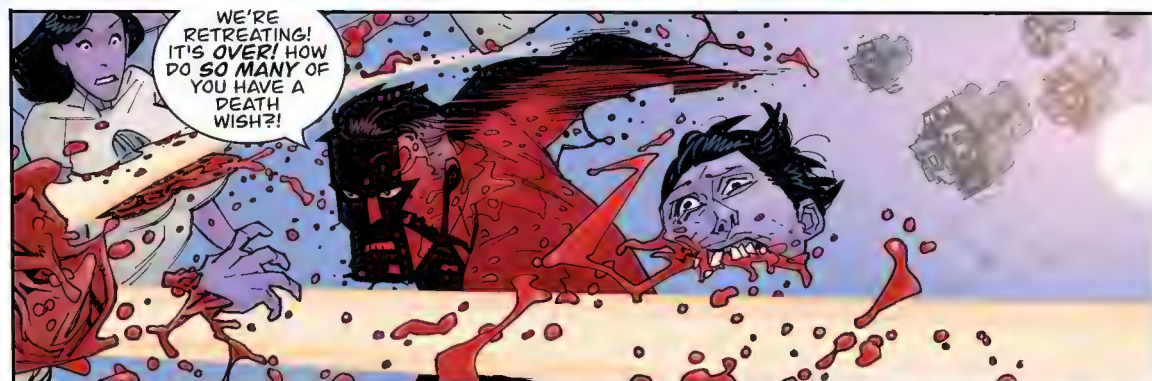


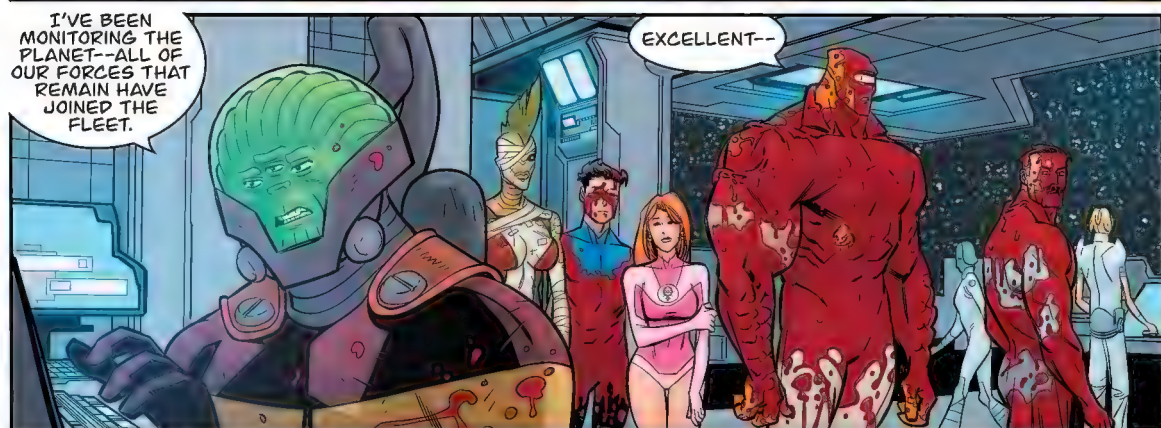
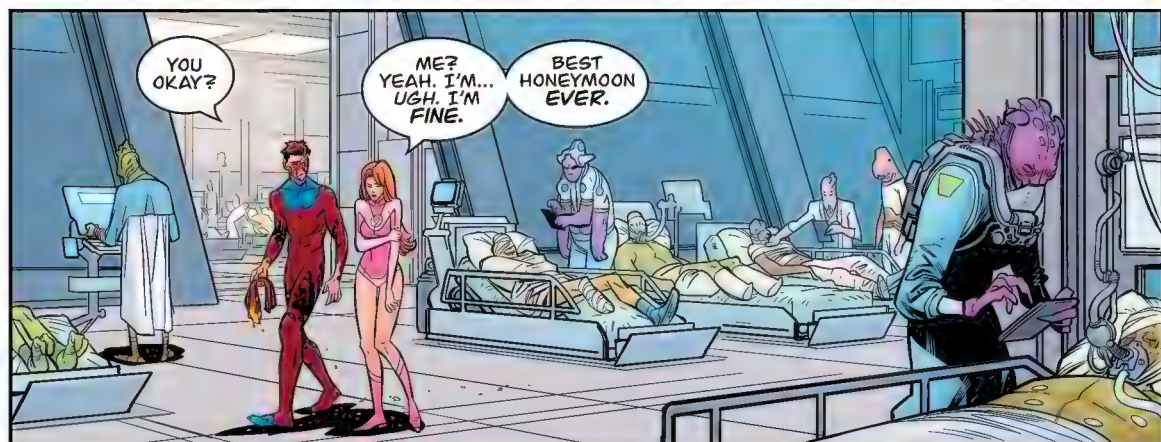
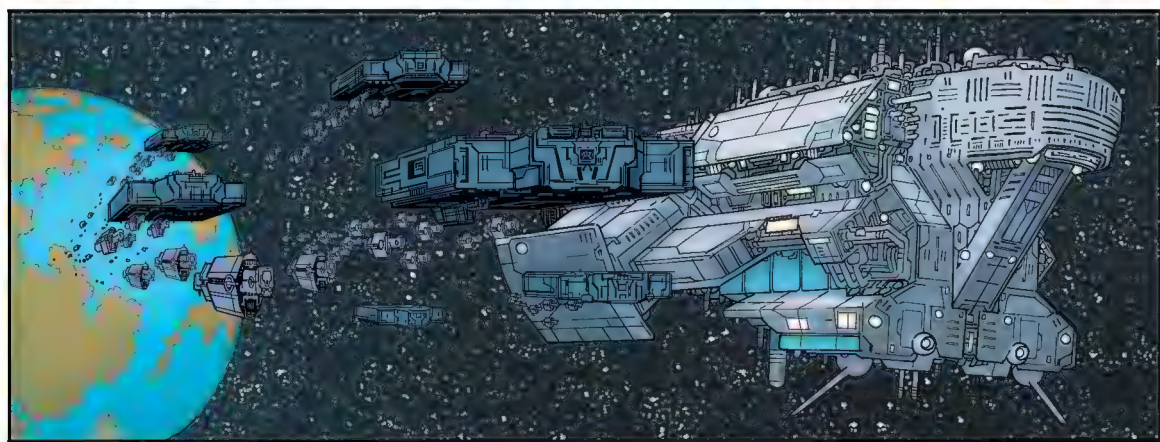
THE FALLEN WERE
WEAK, AND IT IS OUR
WAY TO CAST THEM
OFF... OUR EMPIRE
WILL BE BUILT WITH
THE STRONG.

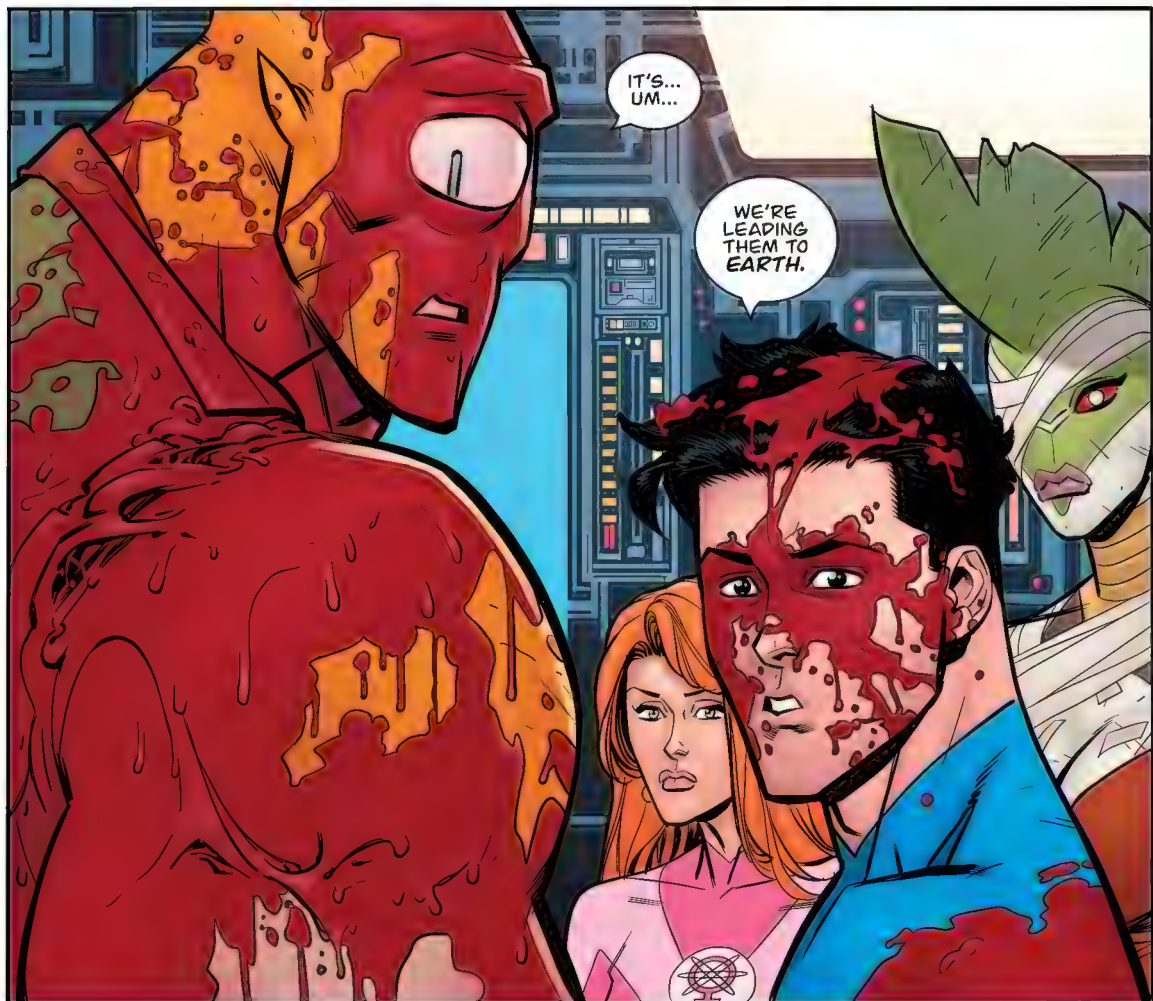
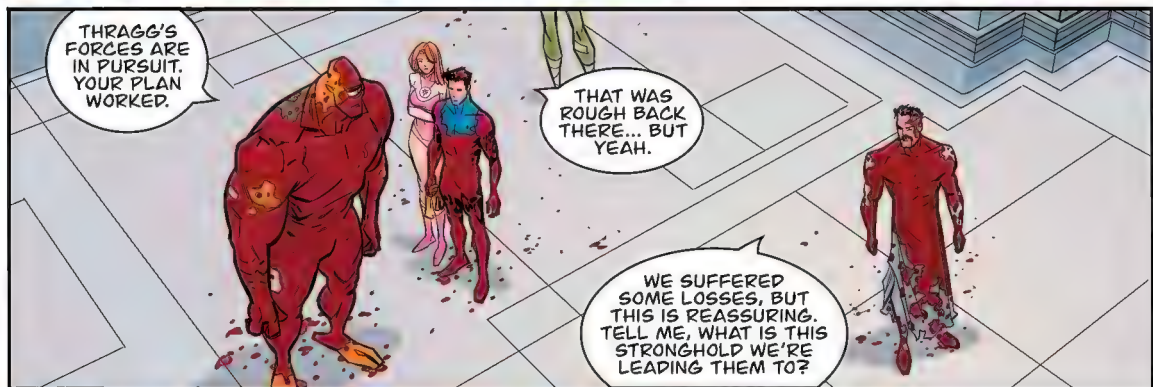
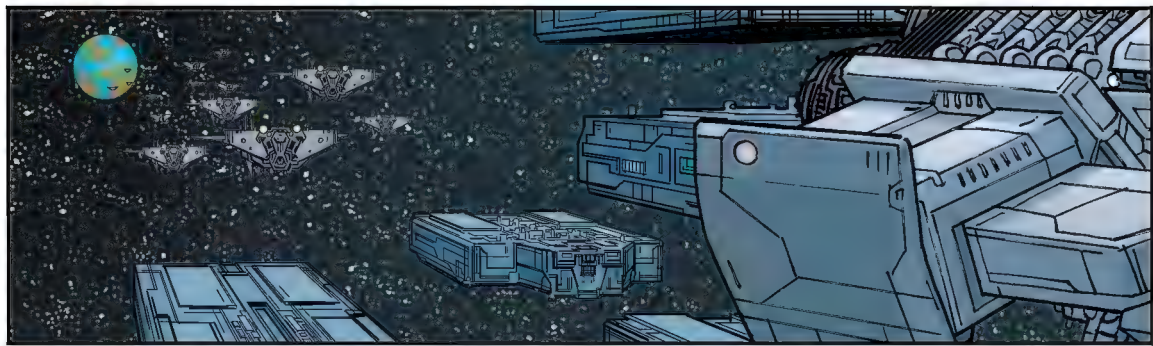
WE WILL
BE STRONGER
FROM THIS
BATTLE... IT HAS
TEMPERED
US.

IT IS NOT
YOUR PLACE TO
QUESTION MY
WILL OR MY
MOTIVES. IF YOU
FEEL SUCH PITY
FOR THE WEAK,
LET ME
KNOW...

...AND YOU
CAN JOIN
THEM.



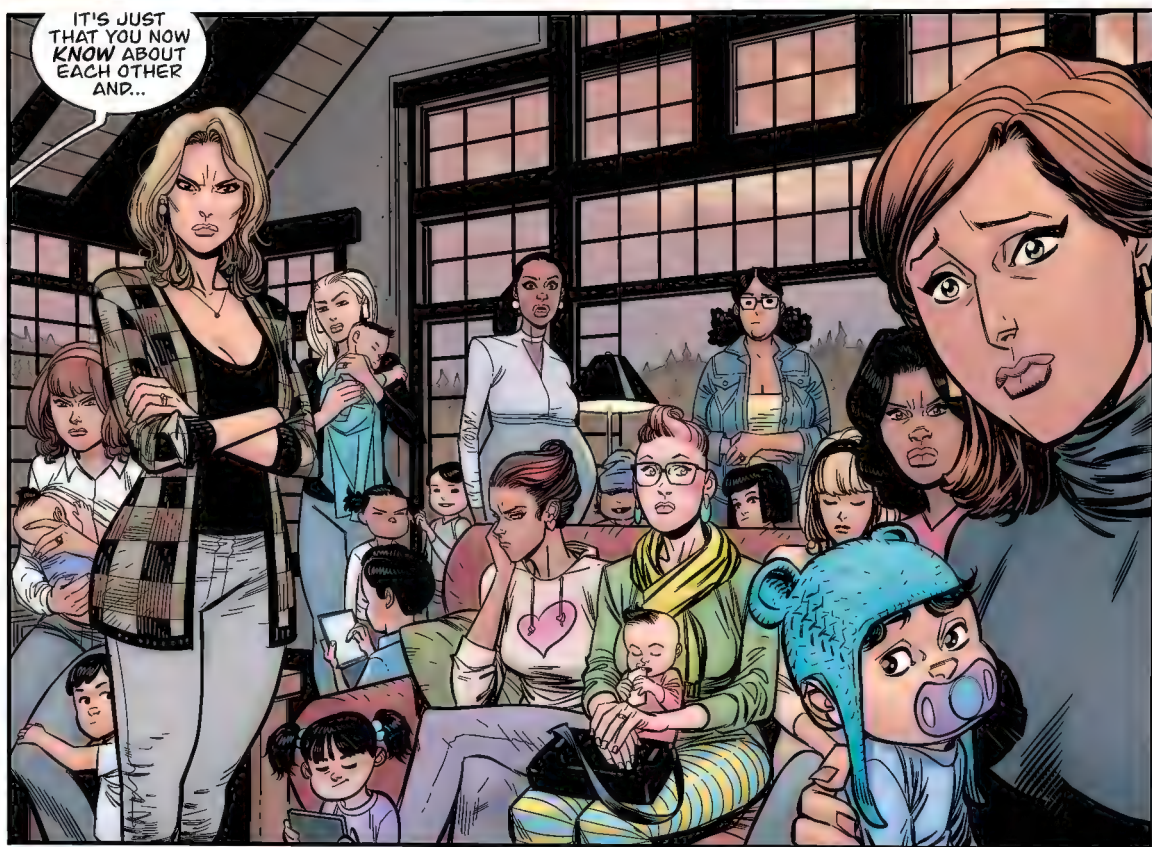




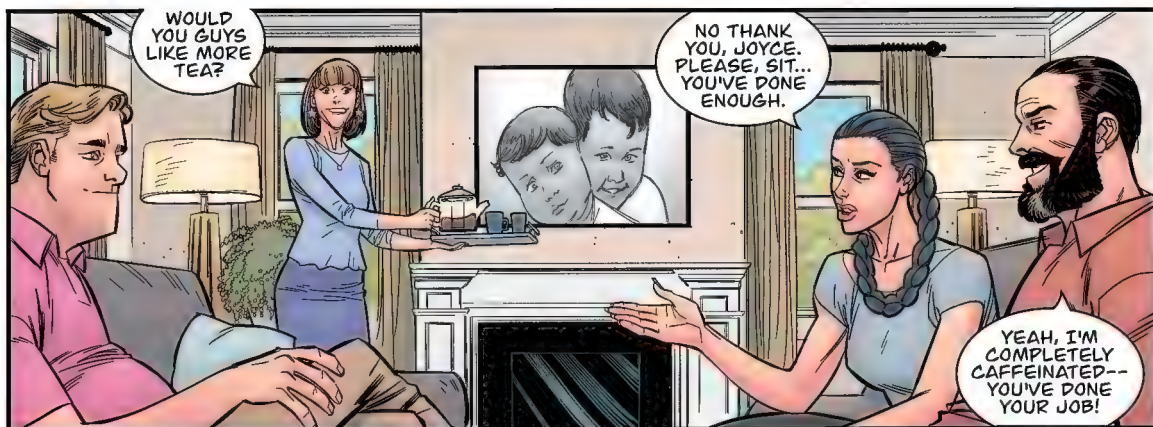


CHAPTER FIVE









SORRY, I'M A BIT OF A TEA ADDICT, MYSELF. I ALWAYS TRY TO PUSH IT ON OTHERS TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER ABOUT DRINKING SO MUCH.



THANKS FOR HAVING US OVER. WE'RE SO HAPPY TO BE MAKING NEW FRIENDS AT THE SCHOOL.

OUR KIDS GET ALONG SO WELL, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY ARE RIGHT NOW!



I'LL GO CHECK ON THEM.

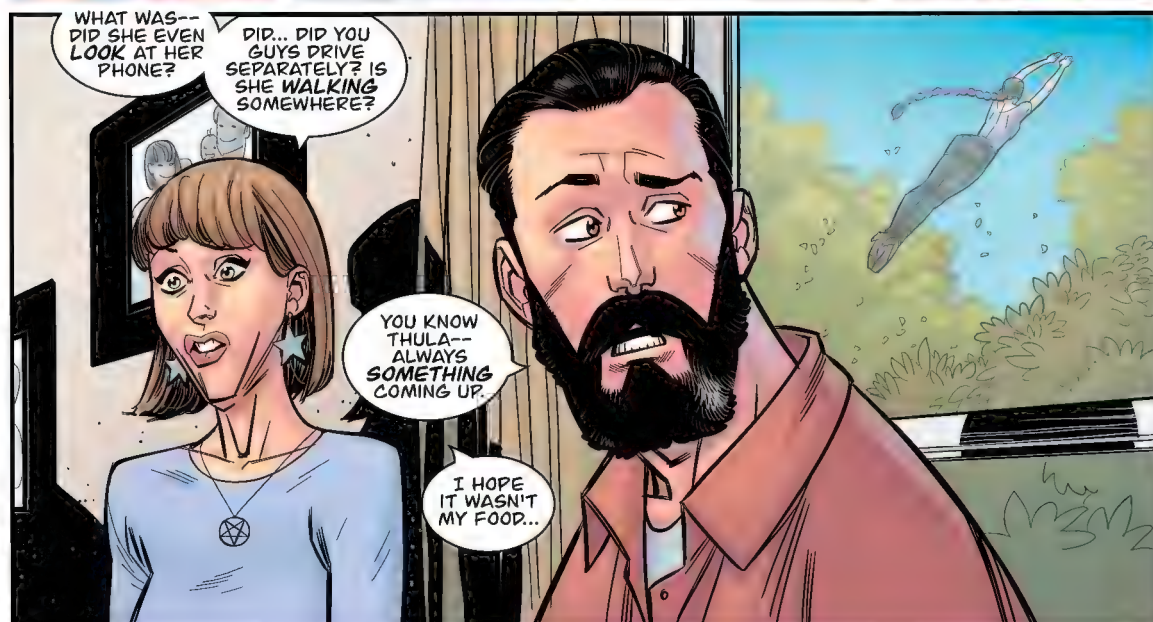


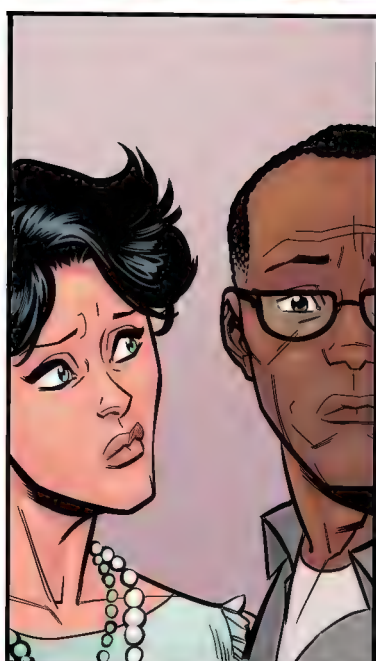
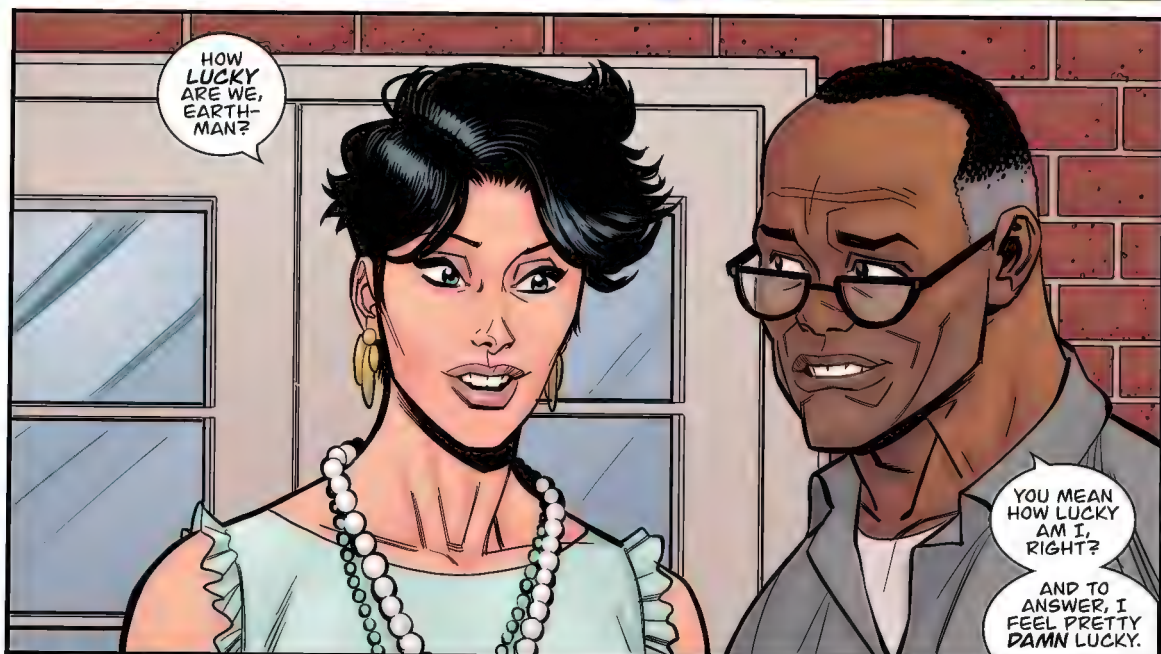
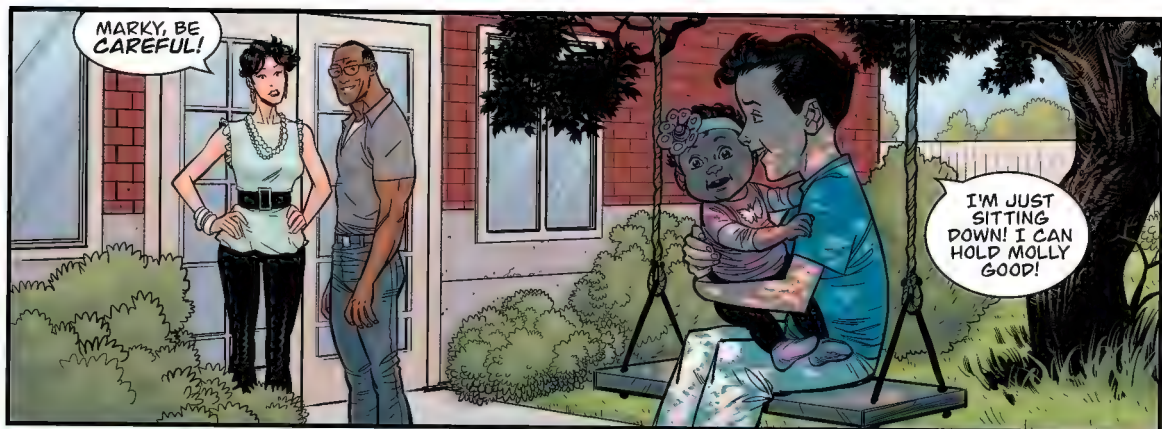
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO--I'LL JUST... I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE HOUSE? I'M VERY SORRY, JOYCE. SOMETHING CAME UP.



WHAT WAS-- DID SHE EVEN LOOK AT HER PHONE?

DID... DID YOU GUYS DRIVE SEPARATELY? IS SHE WALKING SOMEWHERE?







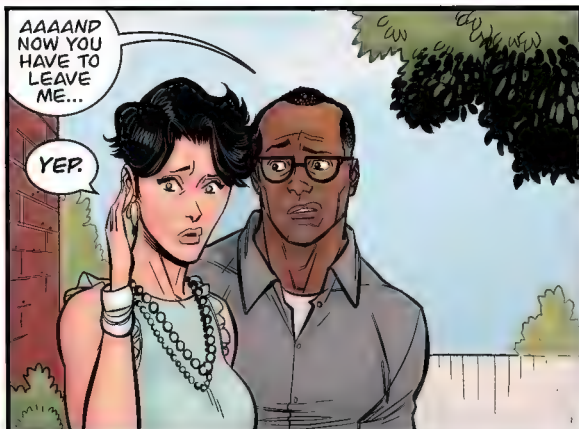
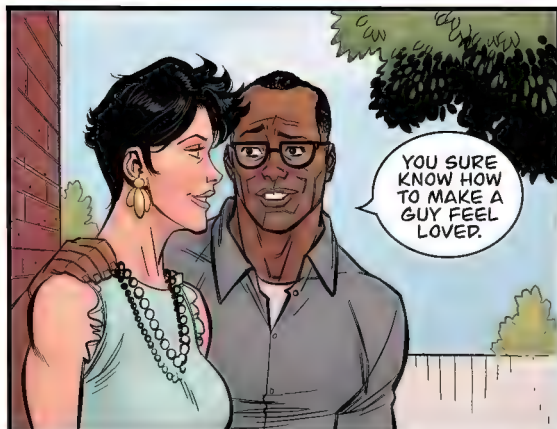
HORSE.
SHIT.

YOU'RE
OBSESSED
WITH
SAYING
THAT.



SCOTT, LISTEN...
I WASN'T MYSELF
UNTIL I MET YOU. I
DON'T WANT TO BE WHO
I WAS BEFORE... I DON'T
LIKE THAT PERSON.
SHE... FRANKLY, SHE
SCARES ME.

THE THINGS
YOU'VE TAUGHT ME...
I CAN'T IMAGINE
WHAT MY LIFE WOULD
BE LIKE WITHOUT YOU,
SCOTT. I'M HAPPY
RIGHT HERE ON
EARTH WITH YOU.





THRAGG IS COMING, AND HE'S BRINGING HIS NEW VILTRUMITE ARMY. THEY GREATLY OUTNUMBER US... BUT THEY ARE NOT AS STRONG AS US... YET.

WE'VE LURED THEM CLOSER TO EARTH SO THAT YOU CAN ASSIST IN THE FIGHT. I KNOW THIS IS PUTTING ALL OF YOUR FAMILIES AT RISK, BUT THERE JUST WASN'T ANY OTHER WAY.

THIS WON'T BE AN EASY FIGHT--WE ALL KNOW HOW DEADLY THRAGG IS. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, I AM NOT ORDERING YOU TO ASSIST US.

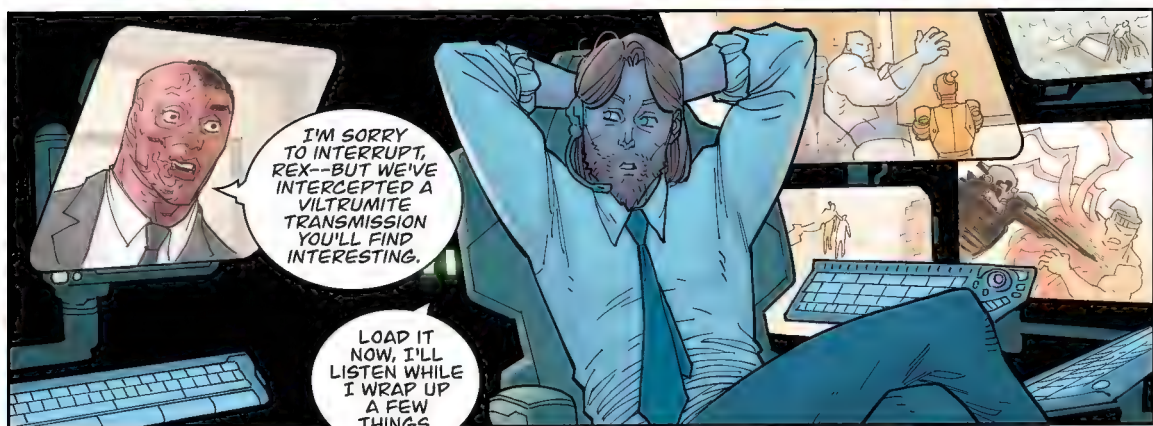
I AM SIMPLY ASKING THAT YOU CONSIDER IT.



WE DON'T NEED TO CONSIDER IT. IF THRAGG THREATENS EARTH--YOU CAN COUNT ON US TO STOP HIM.

YES.

WE WILL MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR--AT ONCE!





I AM STILL NOT HAPPY WITH YOU. YOU FORCED MY HAND.

STOP LOOKING SO DAMN PLEASED WITH YOURSELF, SON.

DON'T I KIND OF ALWAYS DO THAT? ISN'T THAT OUR THING? YOU WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING--I JUST TAKE AWAY THE CHOICE.

I'M SORRY, I CAN'T HELP IT. MY PLAN WORKED.

AND YOU DON'T YET KNOW THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PLAN.

I KNOW THAT. I DO.

I JUST HONESTLY THINK IT'S A WIN IN AND OF ITSELF TO SEE VILTRUMITES... CARING FOR THEIR FAMILIES ON EARTH.



THERE'S STILL A LOT LEFT TO NAVIGATE. WE HAVEN'T WON JUST YET.



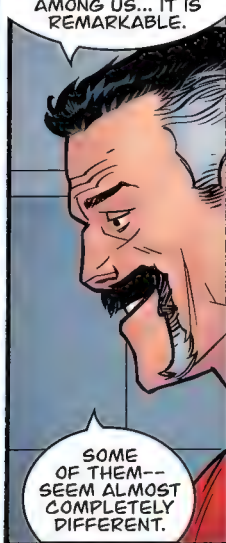
IT'S NOT EXACTLY A NEW PHENOMENON.



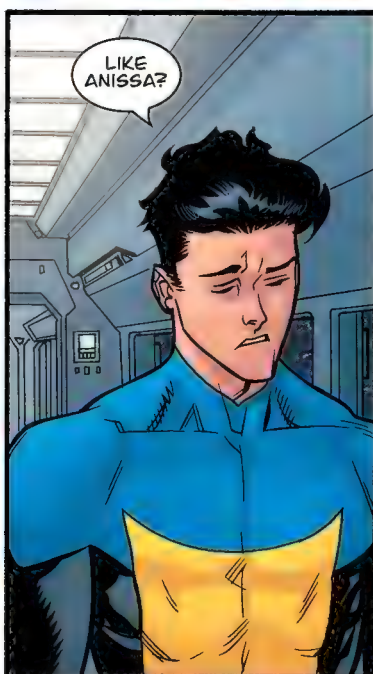
I KNOW, I KNOW.

IT'S JUST... I DON'T KNOW, REASSURING TO SEE IT TAKING HOLD SO QUICKLY.

I WILL ADMIT, TO SEE THE CHANGES OUR TIME ON EARTH HAS BROUGHT EVEN TO THE HARDEST VILTRUMITES AMONG US... IT IS REMARKABLE.



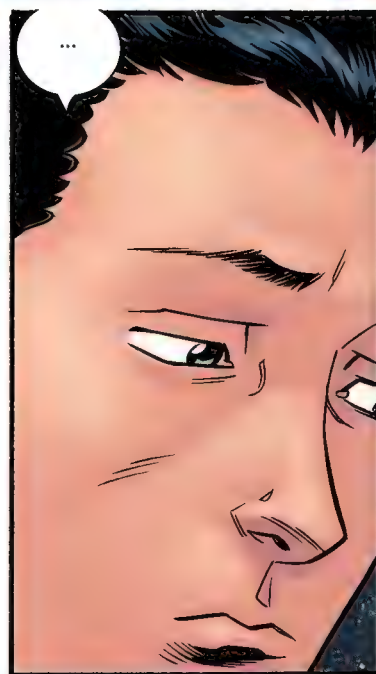
SOME OF THEM-- SEEM ALMOST COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.



LIKE ANISSA?



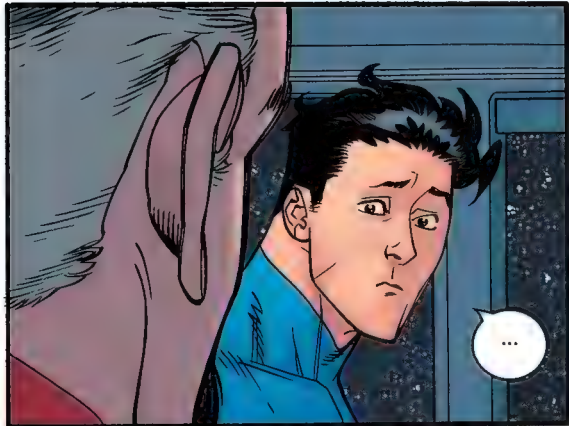
MARK-- WHAT IS IT BETWEEN YOU TWO?



...



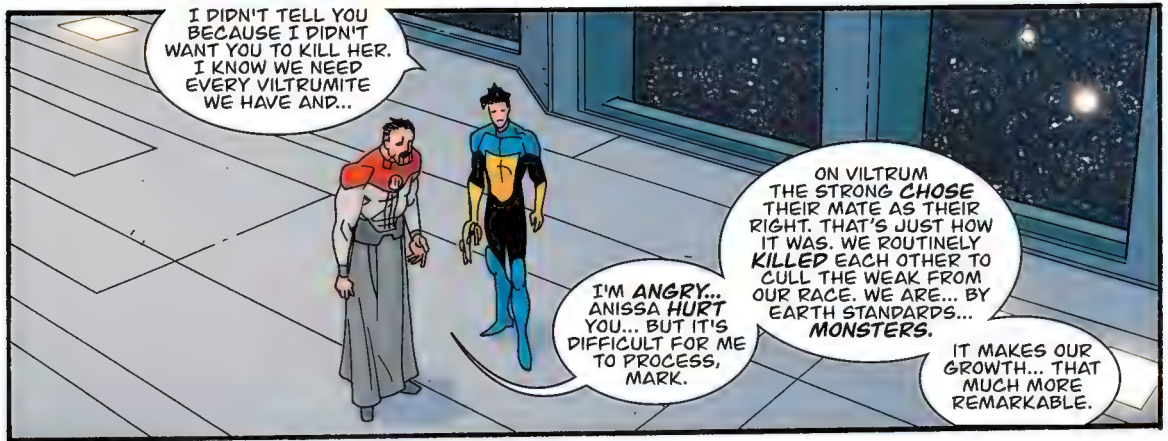
SHE...
SHE FORCED
HERSELF ON
YOU, DIDN'T
SHE?



...



MARK,
I'M...
I'M SO
SORRY.



I DIDN'T TELL YOU
BECAUSE I DIDN'T
WANT YOU TO KILL HER.
I KNOW WE NEED
EVERY VILTRUMITE
WE HAVE AND...

I'M ANGRY...
ANISSA HURT
YOU... BUT IT'S
DIFFICULT FOR ME
TO PROCESS,
MARK.

ON VILTRUM
THE STRONG **CHOOSE**
THEIR MATE AS THEIR
RIGHT. THAT'S JUST HOW
IT WAS. WE ROUTINELY
KILLED EACH OTHER TO
CULL THE WEAK FROM
OUR RACE. WE ARE... BY
EARTH STANDARDS...
MONSTERS.

IT MAKES OUR
GROWTH... THAT
MUCH MORE
REMARKABLE.

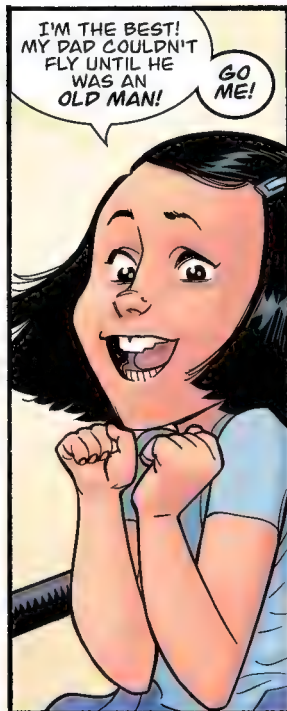
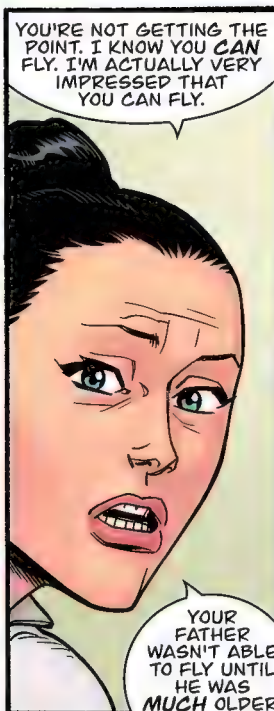
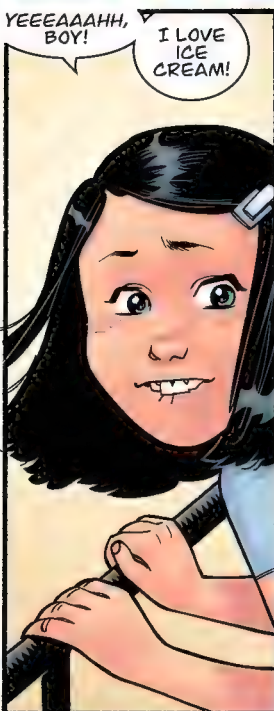
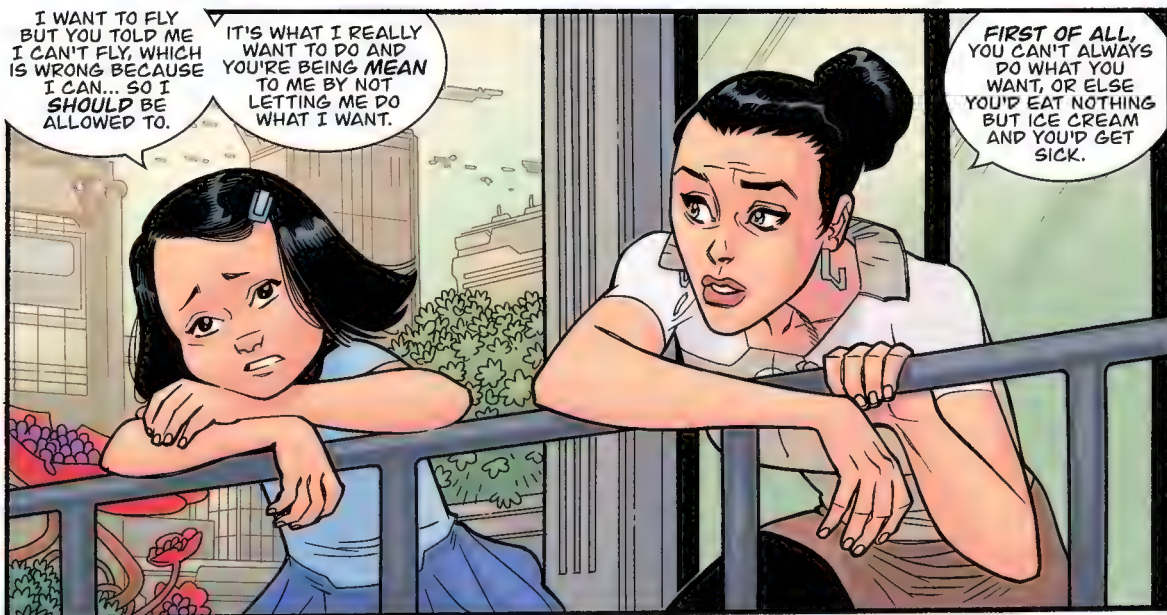
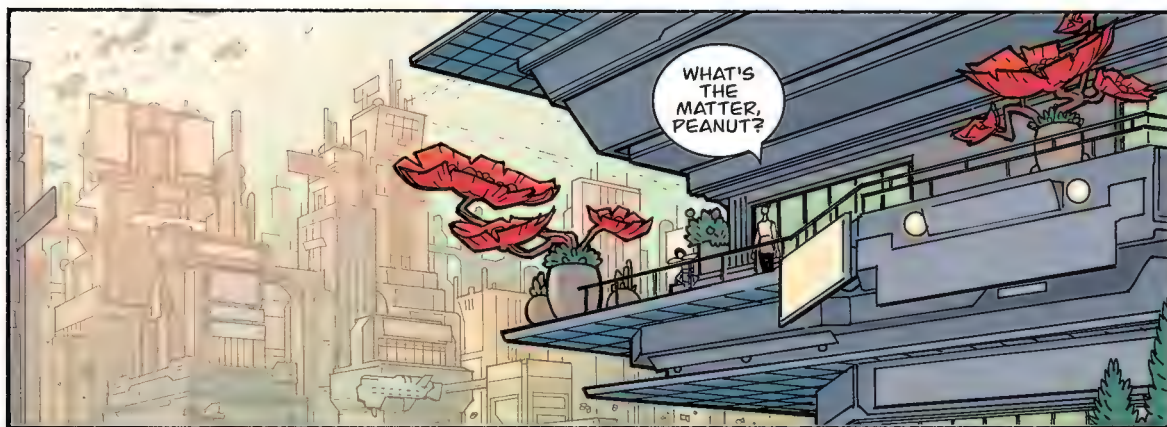


THE ANISSA
WHO DID THAT
TO YOU... I
PROMISE
YOU...



...SHE'S
GONE.

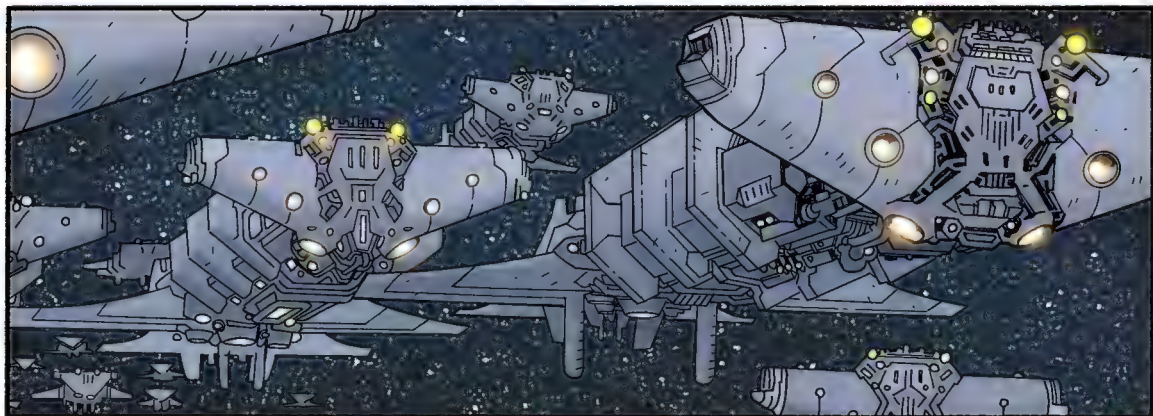
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY TO
THAT.





TERRA,
GET US
BACK TO THE
BALCONY
RIGHT
NOW!

I CAN'T!



YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY. I TALKED TO THE DOCTORS, AND THEY SAID YOU'RE HEALING UP NICELY. YOU'LL BE IN FIGHTING SHAPE IN NO TIME.



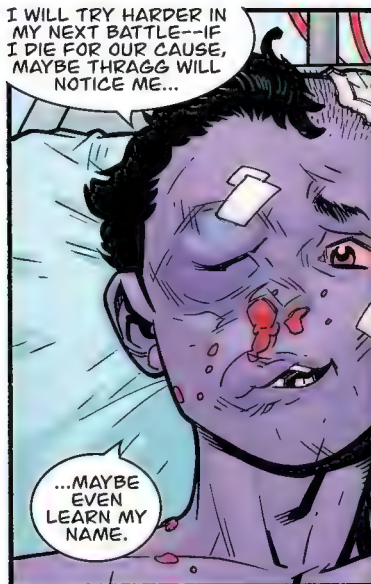
I'M SORRY, URSAAAL. I'M SO SORRY I DIDN'T DIE.



WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

I WILL TRY HARDER IN MY NEXT BATTLE--IF I DIE FOR OUR CAUSE, MAYBE THRAGG WILL NOTICE ME...

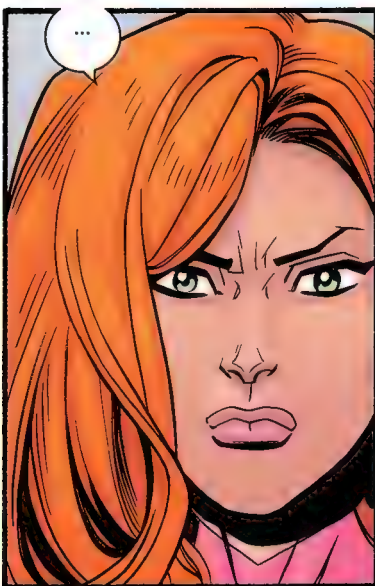


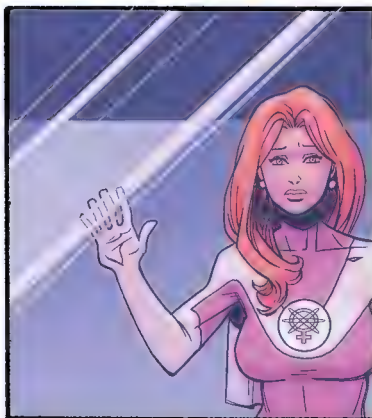
...MAYBE EVEN LEARN MY NAME.

OUR FATHER LOVES US ALL. YOU HAVE TO KNOW THIS. WE WERE CREATED FOR A **GRAND PURPOSE**--TO RESTORE THE EMPIRE TO ITS FORMER GLORY. YOU DON'T NEED TO DIE TO EARN HIS FAVOR, YOUNG ONE.



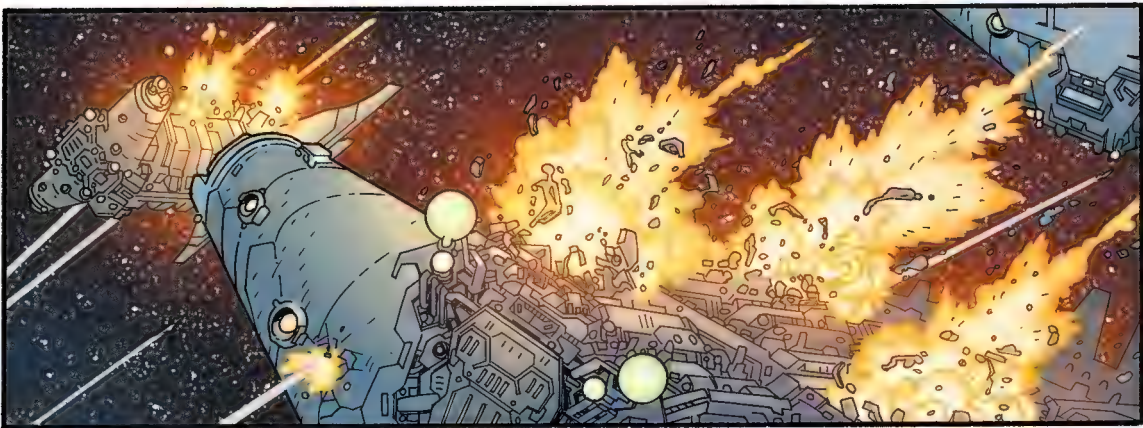
YOU NEED TO LIVE.





"--IT'S SO THEY
CAN'T SEE OUR
ADDITIONAL FORCES
UNTIL IT'S
TOO LATE."



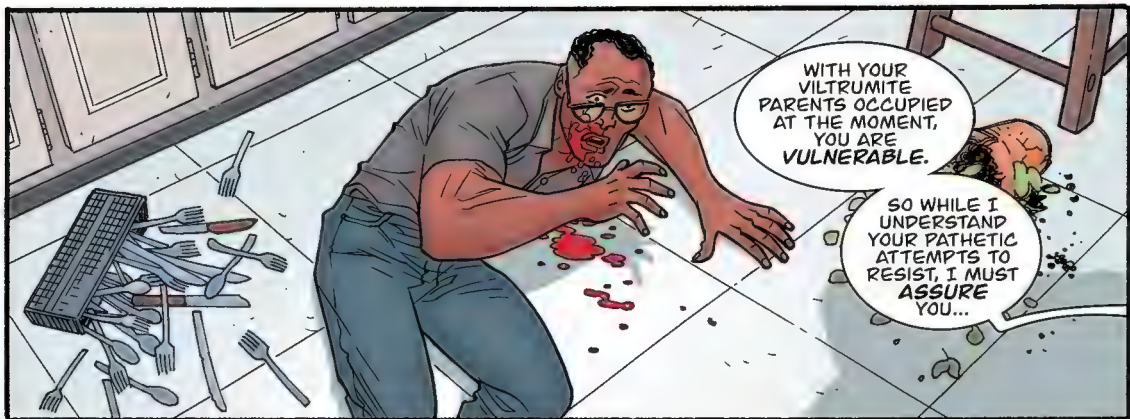
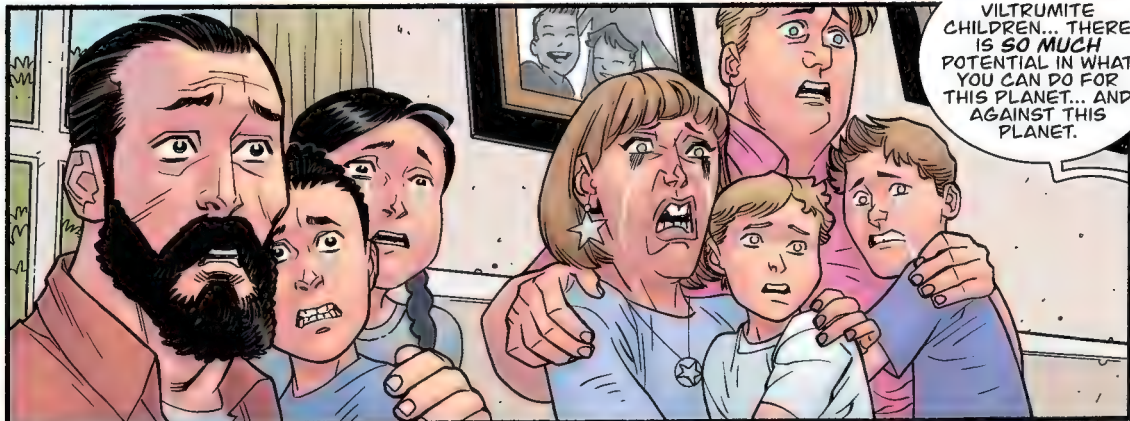
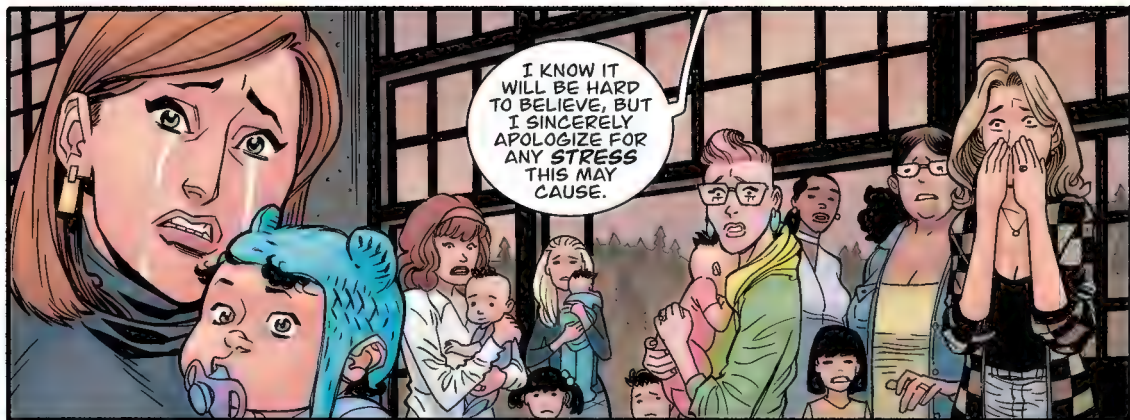




GATHER YOUR ELITE
GUARD, URSAAL. WE
HAVE LULLED THEM INTO
A FALSE CONFIDENCE
BY HAVING THEM FACE
THE CADETS.

NO MATTER HOW
MANY OF MY FORMER
VILTRUMITE ALLIES
THEY CALL--THIS
BATTLE WILL HAVE A
FAR DIFFERENT
OUTCOME.





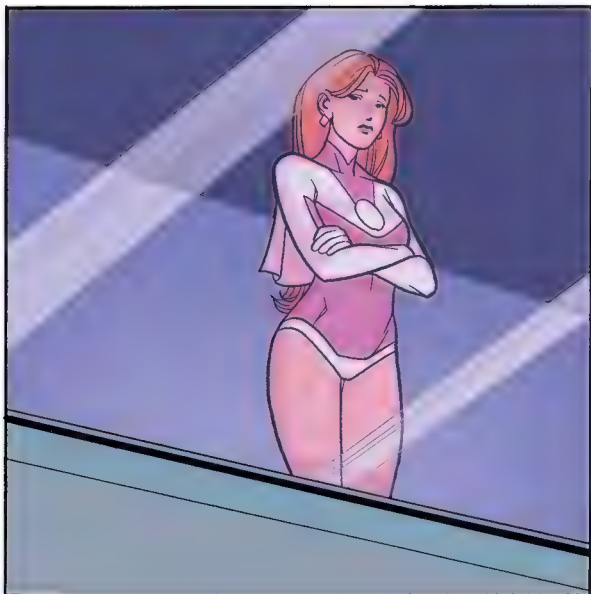
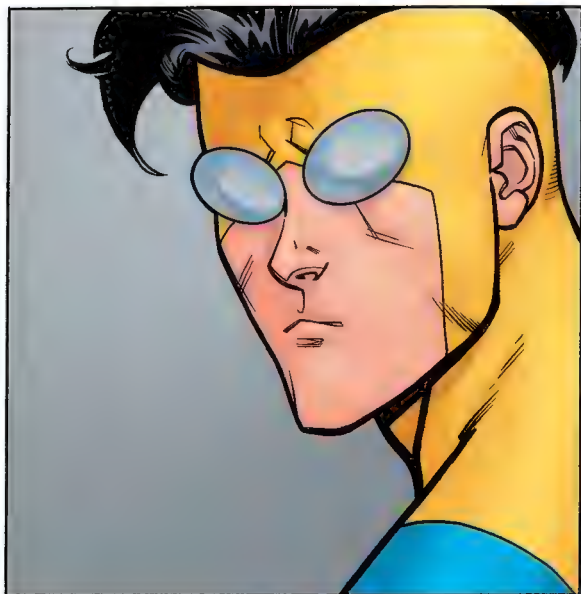
...IT'S FOR
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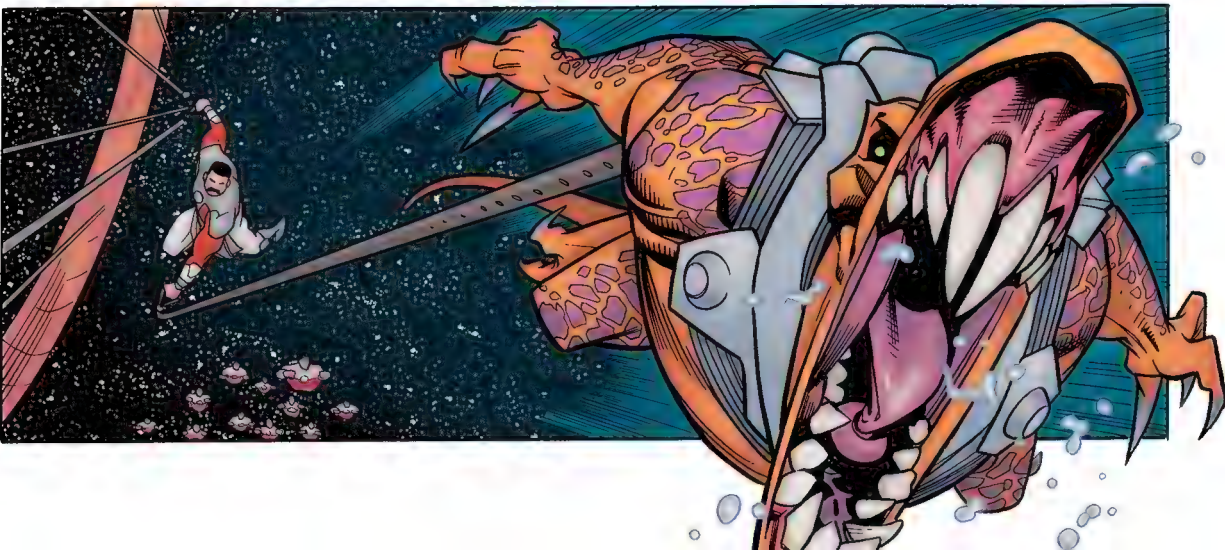


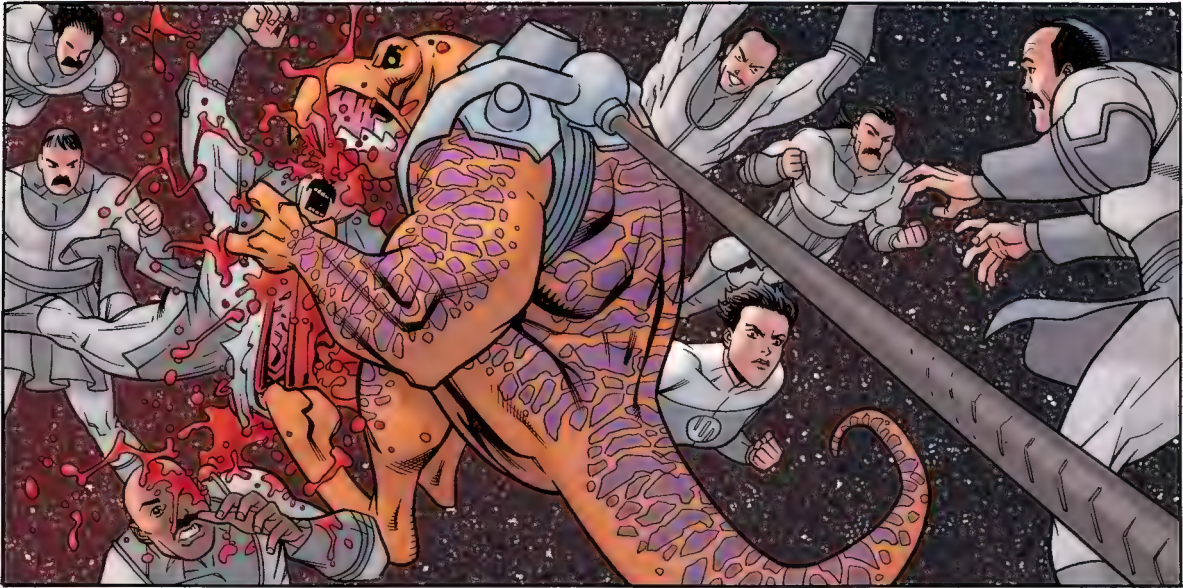


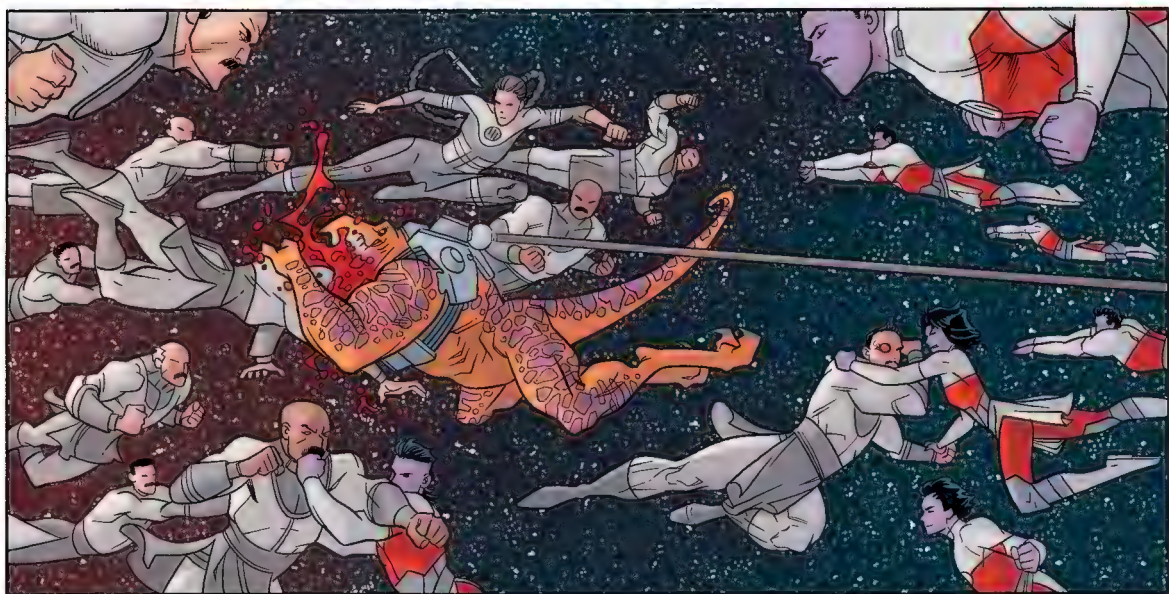
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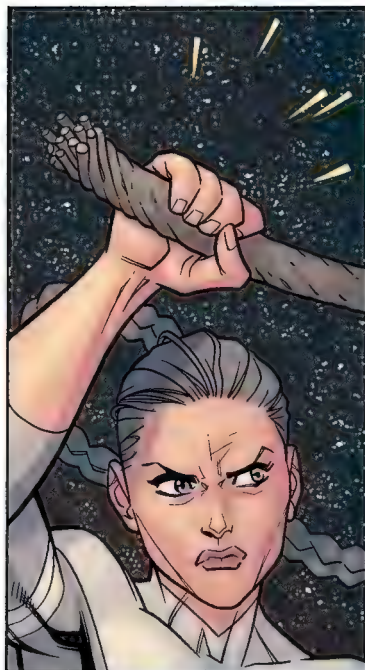




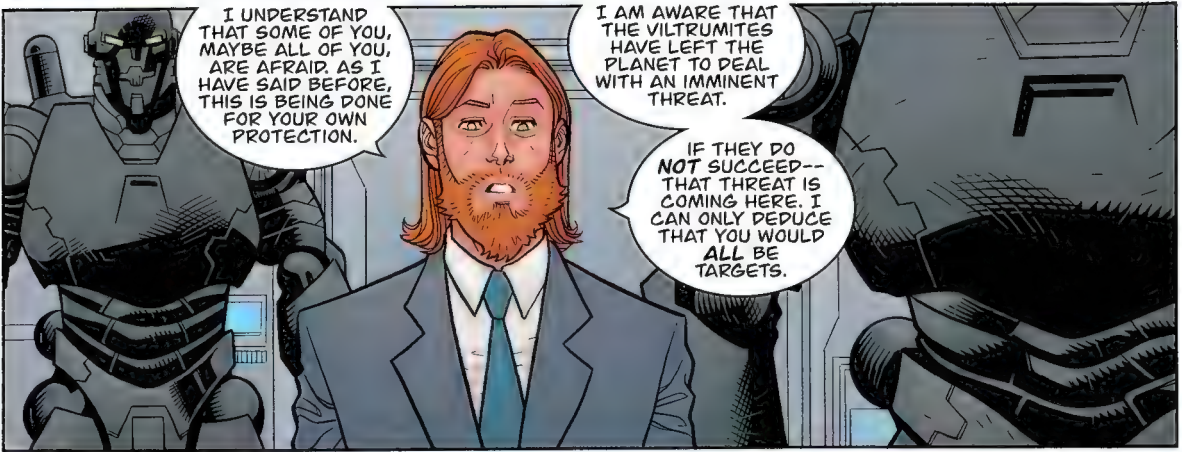
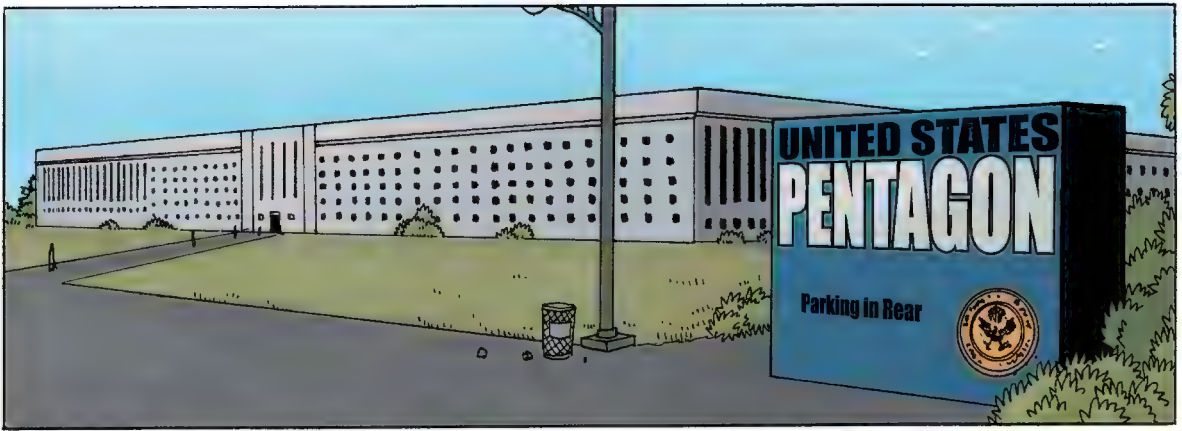








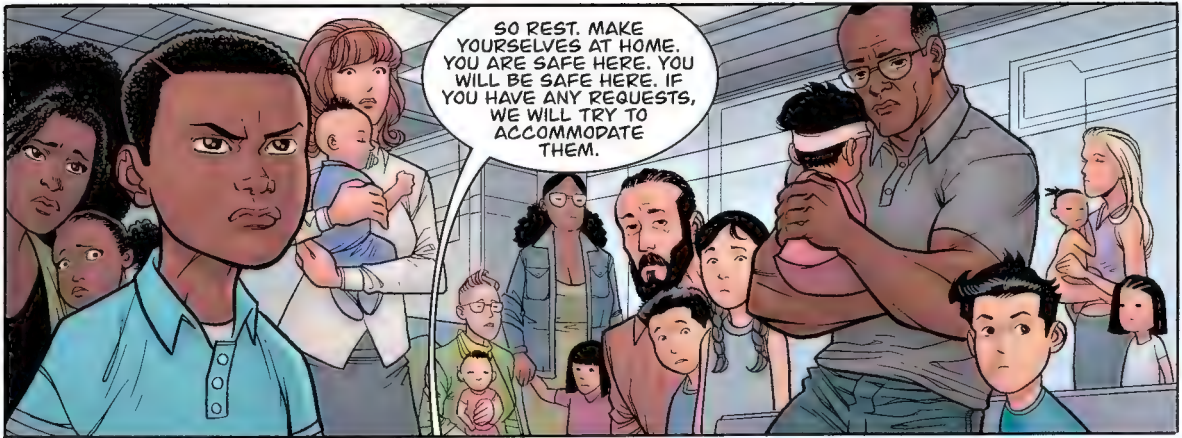




I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF YOU, MAYBE ALL OF YOU, ARE AFRAID. AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THIS IS BEING DONE FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION.

I AM AWARE THAT THE VILTRUMITES HAVE LEFT THE PLANET TO DEAL WITH AN IMMINENT THREAT.

IF THEY DO NOT SUCCEED-- THAT THREAT IS COMING HERE. I CAN ONLY DEPUCE THAT YOU WOULD ALL BE TARGETS.

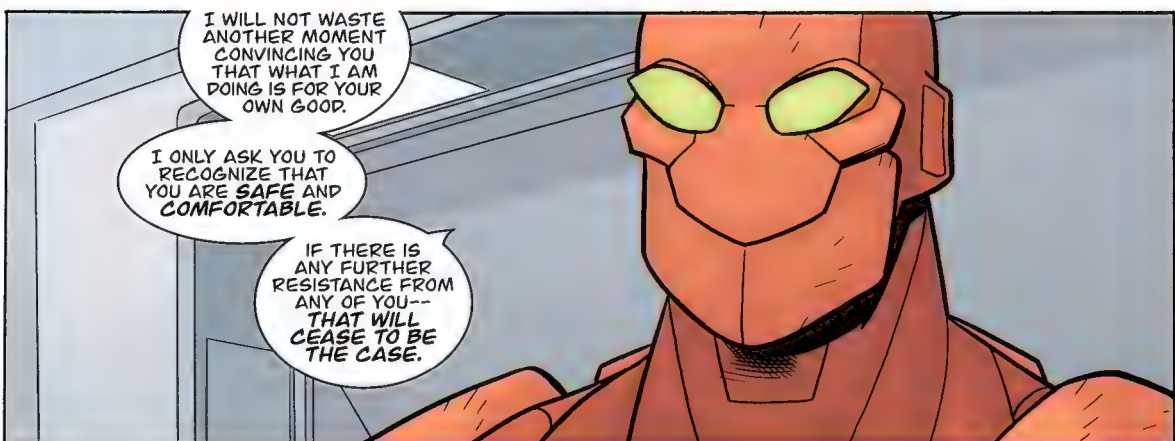
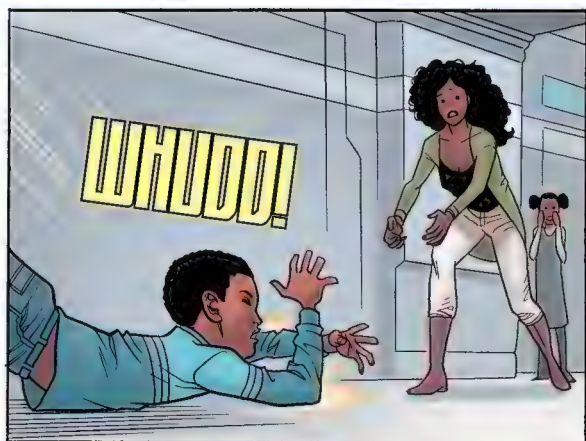
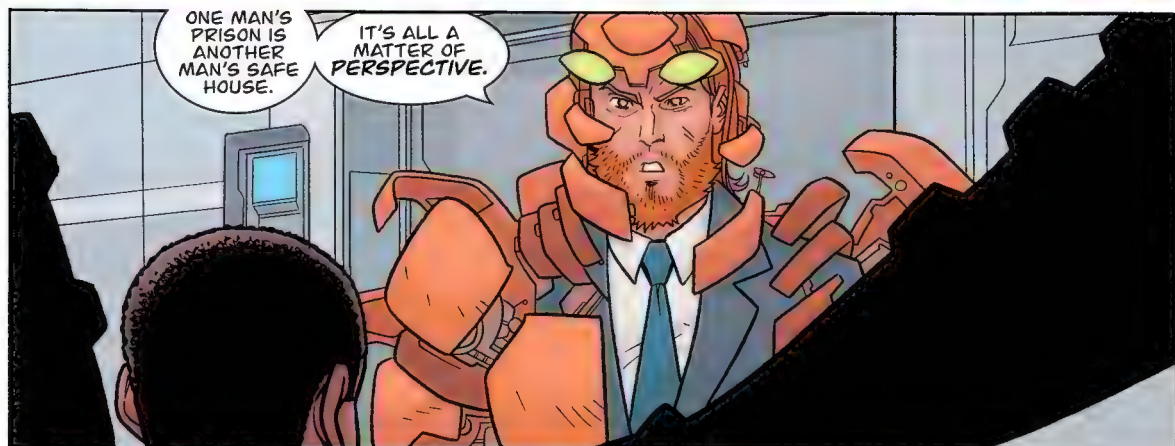
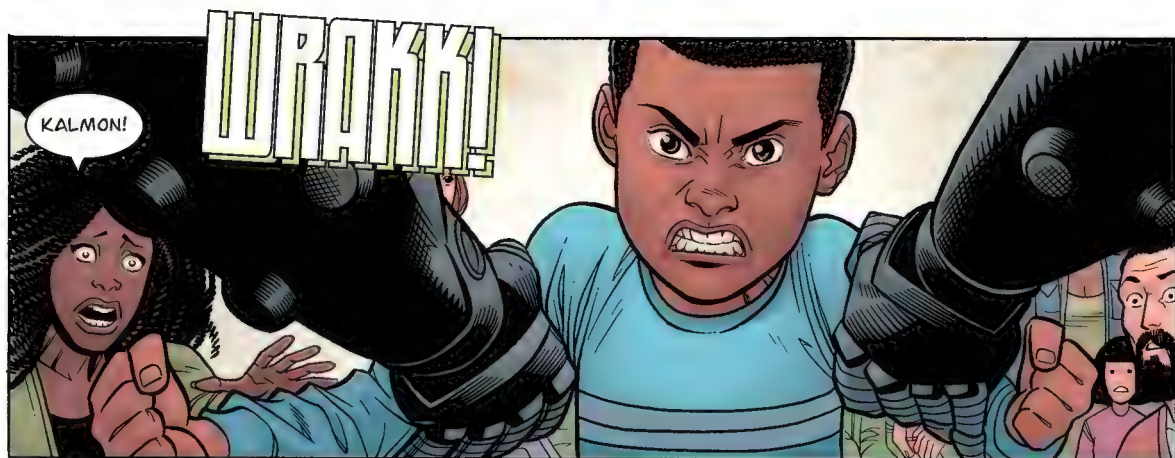


SO REST. MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME. YOU ARE SAFE HERE. YOU WILL BE SAFE HERE. IF YOU HAVE ANY REQUESTS, WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM.



BUT, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE.

WE WON'T BE YOUR PRISONERS!





YOU CAN
LEAD A
HORSE TO
WATER...

NOT
GOING
WELL?



KEEP AN EYE ON
THOSE PEOPLE--
I DOUBT THEY'LL
STAY QUIET FOR
LONG.

SEND SOME
REPRESENTATIVES TO TALK TO
THEM... A WOMAN. I THINK THEY'LL
IDENTIFY BETTER WITH A WOMAN. THAT'LL
MAKE THIS SEEM MORE OFFICIAL.



I'M
COUNTING ON
YOU TO STEM
ANY POTENTIAL
UPRISING FROM
THEM WHILE
I'M AWAY.

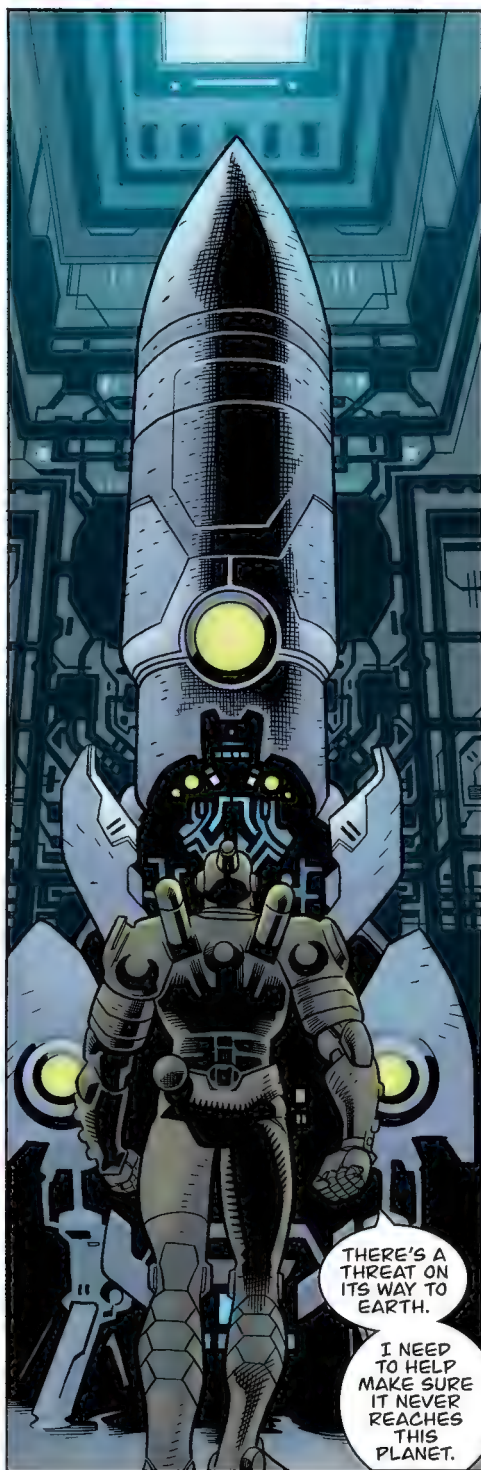


CERTAINLY.

YOU'LL
BE OUT OF
DRONE
RANGE?



MOST
DEFINITELY.

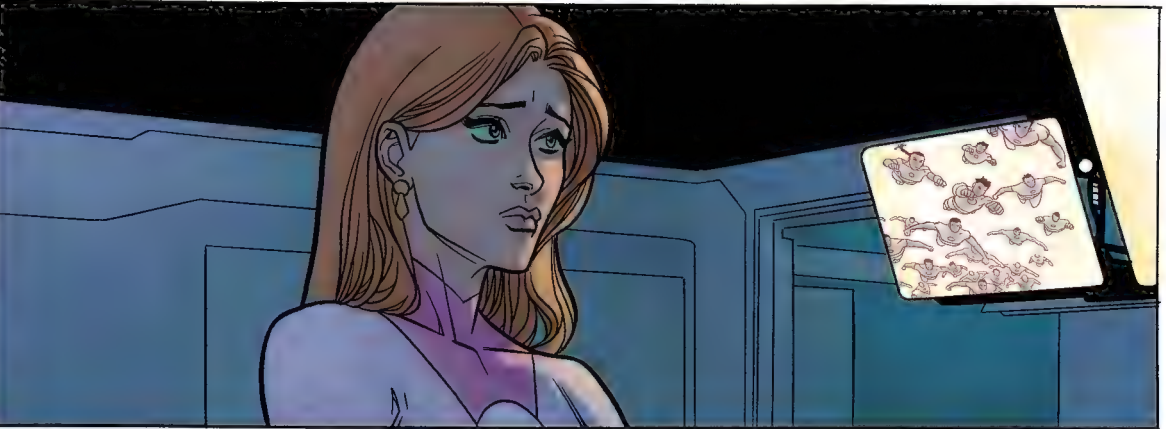
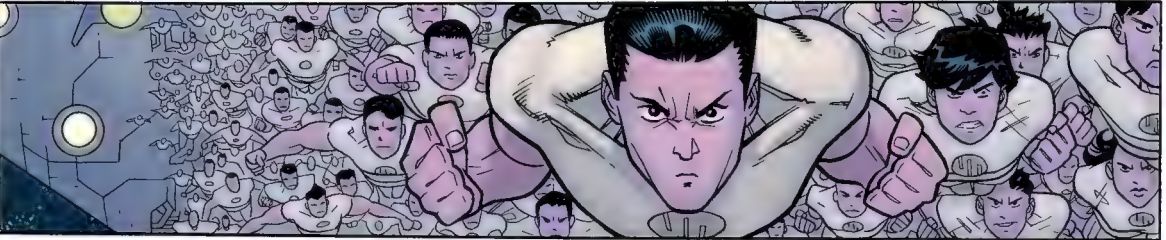
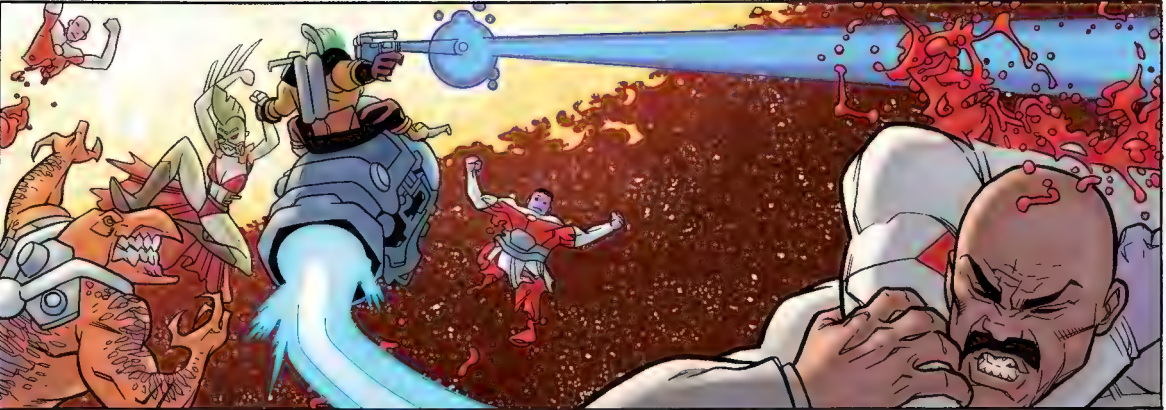
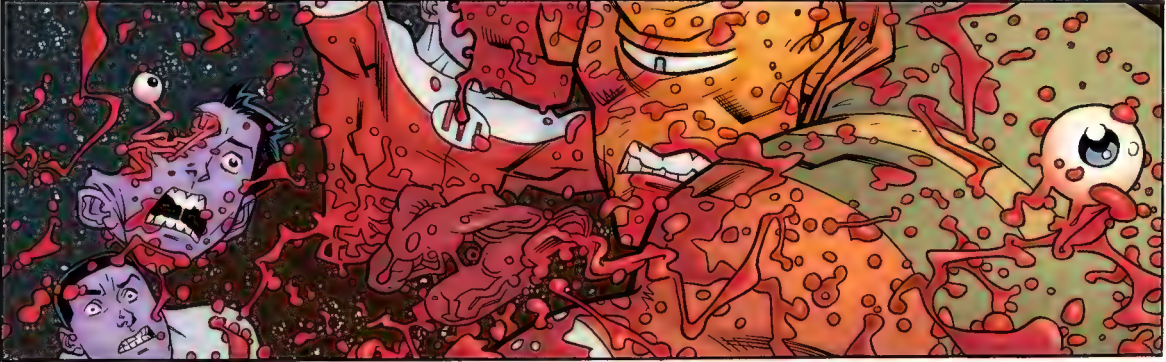


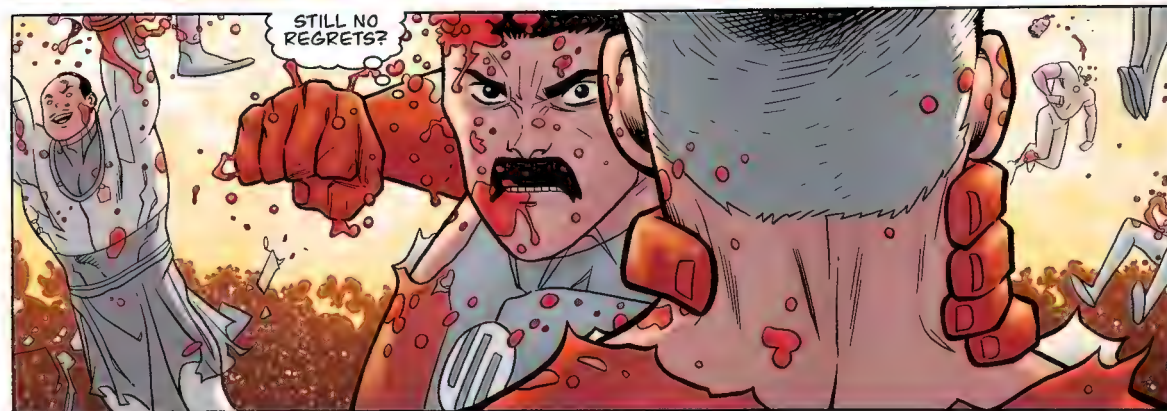
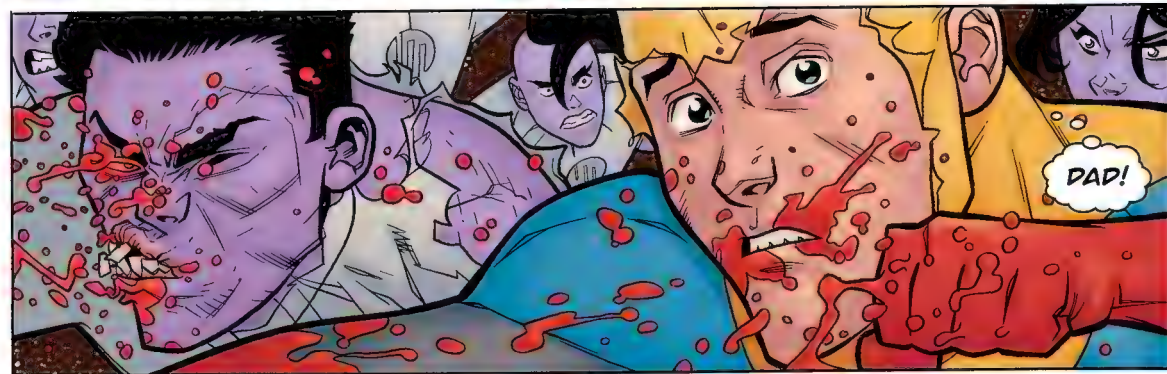
THERE'S A
THREAT ON
ITS WAY TO
EARTH.

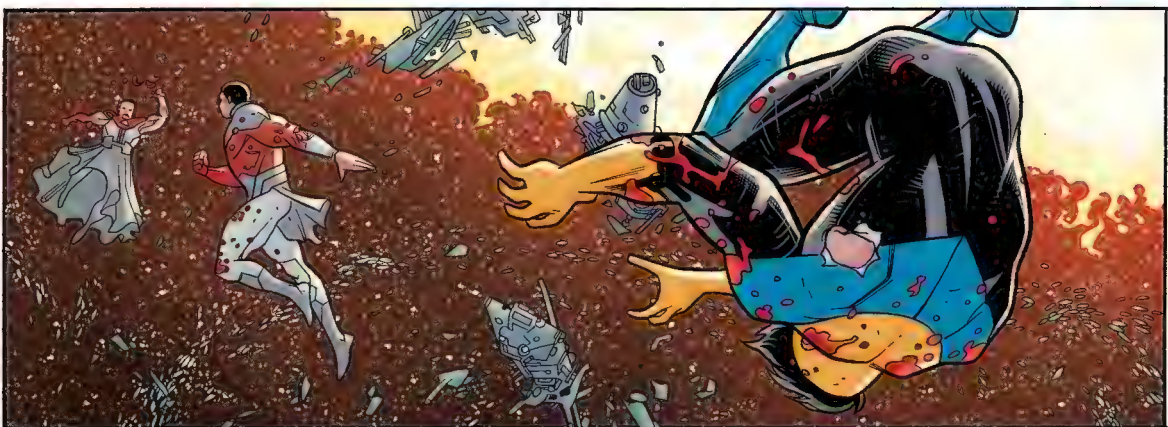
I NEED
TO HELP
MAKE SURE
IT NEVER
REACHES
THIS
PLANET.

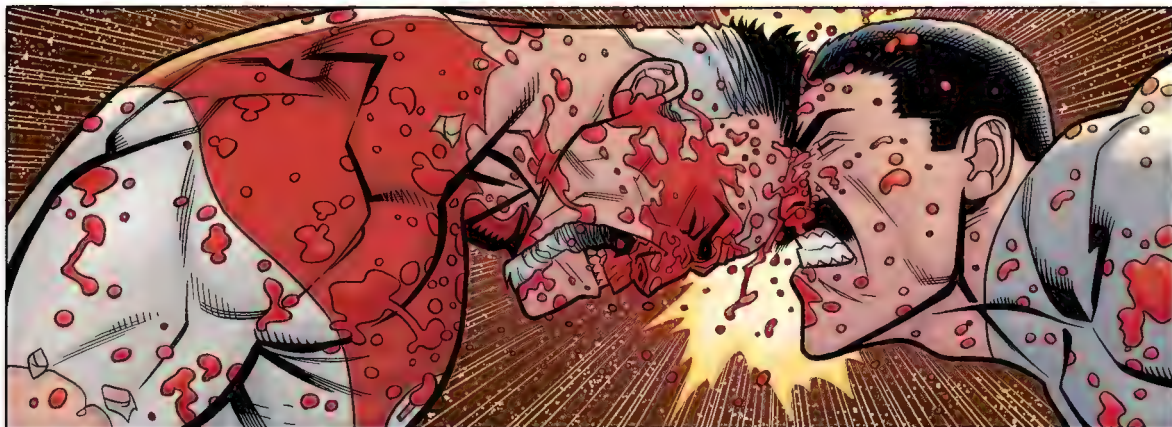
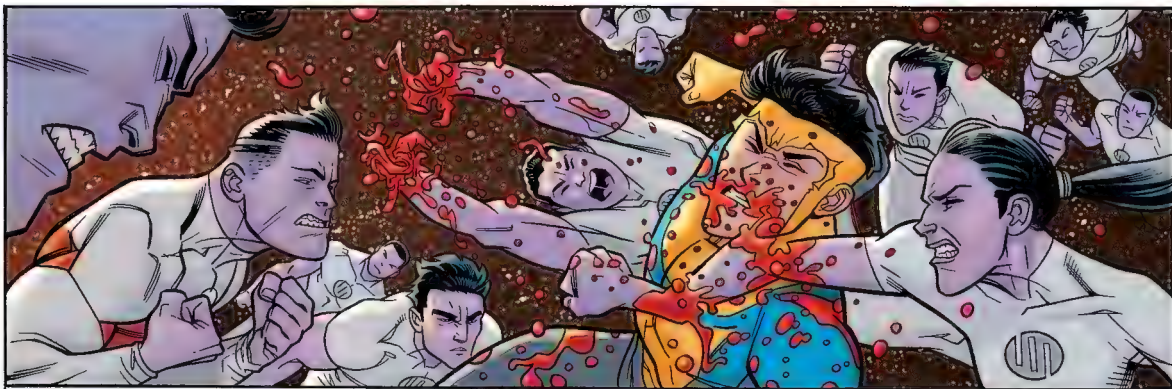


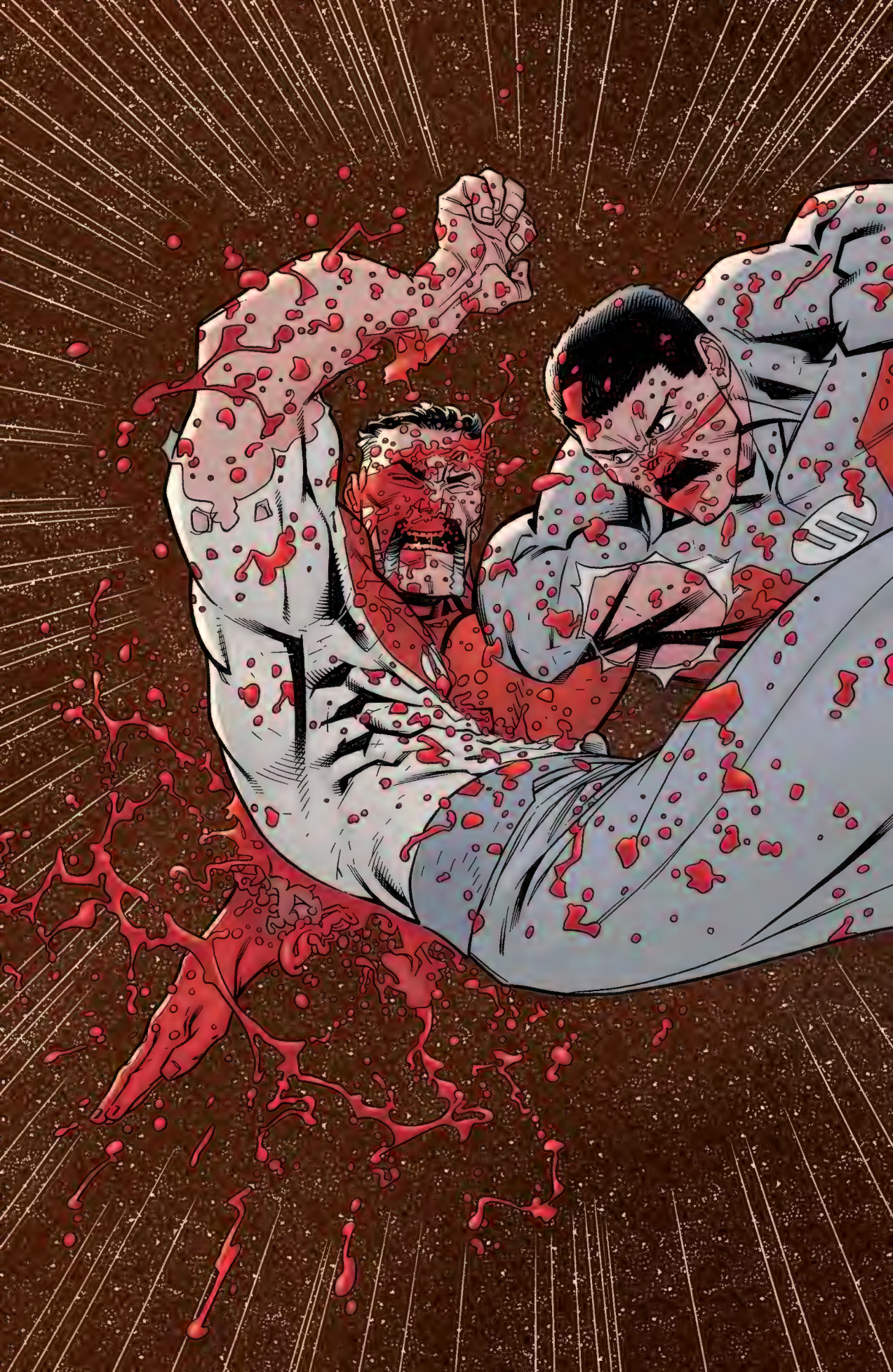


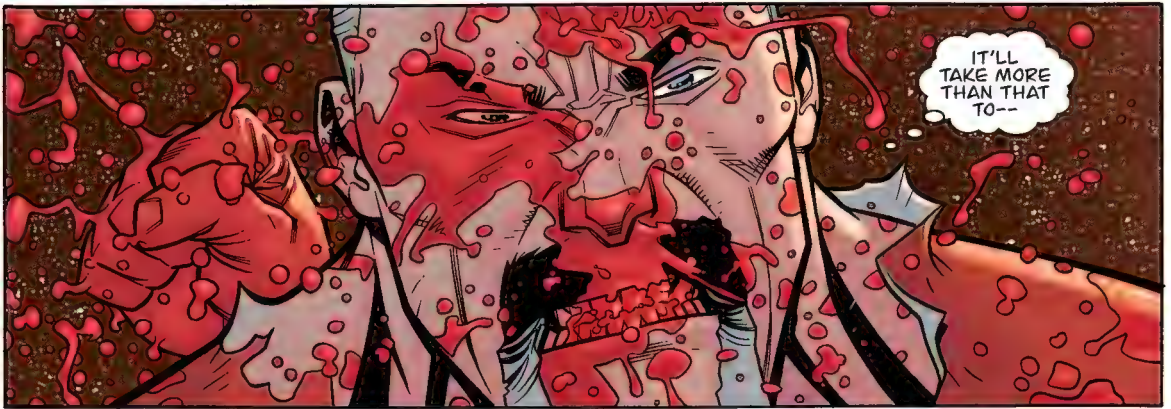












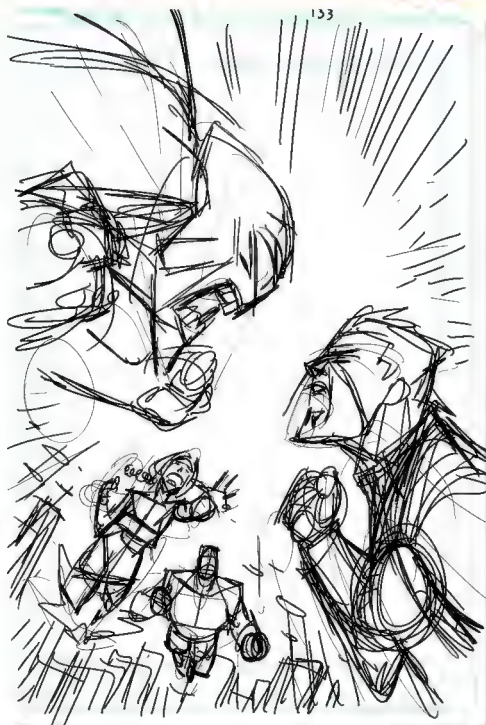






RYAN OTTLEY: *If you asked me what volume this trade paperback is, I would've said, "I don't know, I'm busy drawing, leave me alone please!" But holy crap, 24 volumes? That's just crazy awesome. This cover was a bit rushed, I'll admit. I'm working hard trying to keep the art coming out on time, and hopefully you can't tell too much when I cut corners.*

ROBERT KIRKMAN: Ryan! You're not supposed to say that. Trust me. I've been doing that with my writing for years and nobody has noticed! Well, a couple people have noticed...

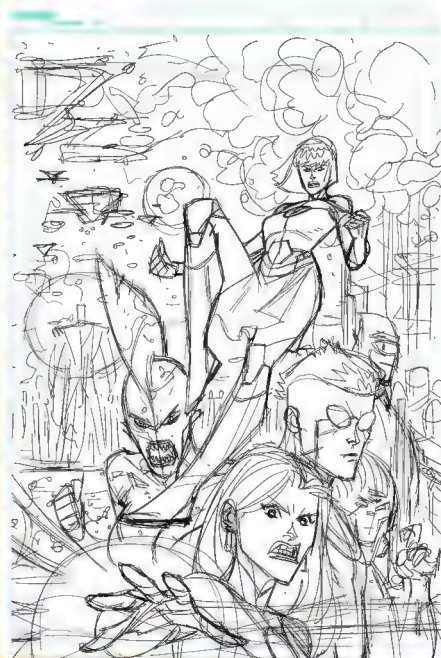


RYAN: My sketch of the #133 cover. Robert wanted a different direction for these last twelve covers, so this was scrapped. He wanted a central figure with a collage of characters in the background. Much more challenging and time consuming, just how Robert likes his artists to always draw!

ROBERT: We gotta do cool stuff for the fans, man! They're the final issues!!! We gotta go ALL OUT!!

RYAN: *Allen the Alien takes the main stage with his new scaly skin. I wish I hid some kanslok on this cover somewhere. I failed.*

ROBERT: Yes, you did... but not at doing an awesome cover.



RYAN: *This cover was a beast to figure out, but I'm pretty happy with how this one turned out.*

ROBERT: This one might be my favorite of the bunch!

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RYAN: *On this cover I wanted to play with digital penciling, so I finished the pencils fully in digital format, printed it out and inked over it. Worked ok, but I prefer digital layouts, then printing it out and doing traditional pencils and inks.*

ROBERT: I really love how this cover turned out, too.

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RYAN: So I got to do all these cool superheroes in their tough poses, and then Robert asked for a Debbie cover. I thought, how the hell am I gonna do this and it be cool?! So yeah, Debbie is just posing in her new outfit like a clothing catalog model. It's the only thing I could think of! Do you still love me?

ROBERT: I know I love Debbie! Come on... you gotta change things up from time to time. And for these covers I want the most important characters to the run of the book to be showcased. You can't argue Debbie hasn't been an integral part of this series since issue one.



RYAN: Nolan! He's ok, right? Tell me, Robert!

ROBERT: Ryan, you'll just have to look at the issues you've already drawn after this and figure that out for yourself!



RYAN: Robert and I share many things in common, one being loving Indian food. Another being loving everything Image Comics, those early days of Image were the coolest time in comics ever! Such a huge deal to me, which made drawing this cover even more special.

ROBERT: It was a great honor to be able to pay tribute to some great Image comics with this series of variants. This one was probably my favorite... but everyone knows I'm a sucker for *Youngblood*.



RYAN: Banner for SDCC 2017! I drew it on four pages of 11x17 Bristol board, and then sent it to our friend Charlie Adlard across the pond to draw THE WALKING DEAD characters on the other half.

ROBERT: These things always look SOOO COOL 20-feet tall at the booth in San Diego. So great. Glad I don't have to draw them... and so is everyone else... because I'm not good at drawing... get it?



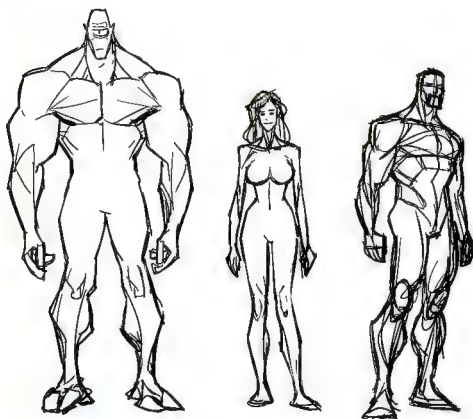
RYAN: I forget what issue this was for.

ROBERT: Didn't this end up only being a print you sold at cons? It was going to be the April Fools cover, but then we came up with GWINVINCIBLE at the last possible minute.



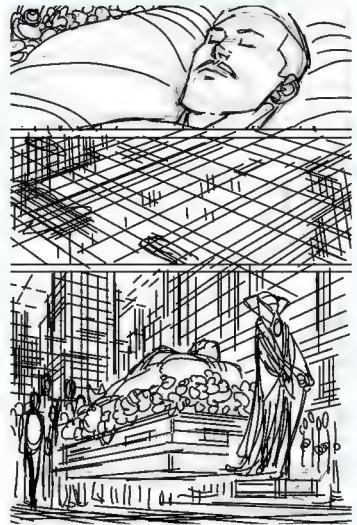
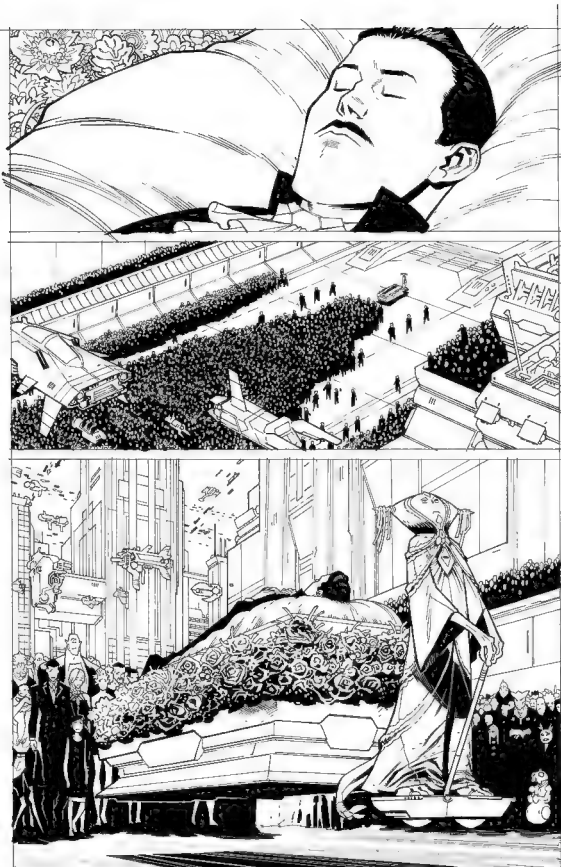
RYAN: When is GWINVINCIBLE going to appear, anyway?

ROBERT: She's getting a series next year that lasts eight issues and then is relaunched with a new #1 and lasts nine issues, then is relaunched again for seven issues before we jump the numbering to #25, even though we've only done twenty-four total issues... then we'll do a new #1 five issues after that... because that's how you build an audience and sell comics long-term... oh, wait.



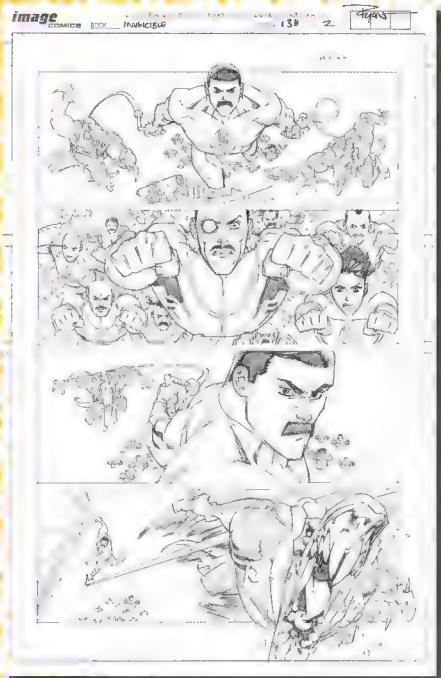
RYAN: Some designs to funeral clothes for issue #133. And designs for the new textured Allen. The double-eye Allen design wasn't used though, Robert doesn't know genius when he sees it.

ROBERT: True.



RYAN: *Oliver, RIP. Kinda hard to Rest In Peace when you're violently shot into space. But whatev.*

ROBERT: **AS ENERGY.** Shot into space as **ENERGY!**



RYAN: *Issues #133 to halfway through #137 I inked myself, been a while since I've done that. I love inking my own work, but it's not ideal for time's sake. Getting an inker definitely keeps things on time. Really nice working with Dexter Vines and Mark Morales, two of my top favorite inkers in the business. Haven't done huge superhero double-page splashes in a while, so this was most welcome. Glad we got spandex back in this comic!*

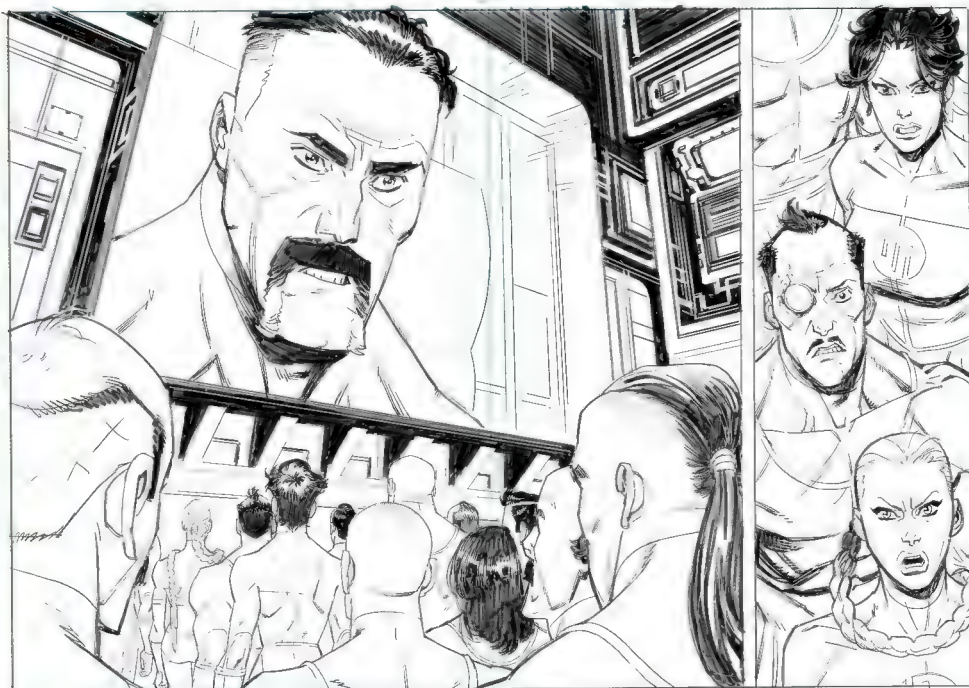


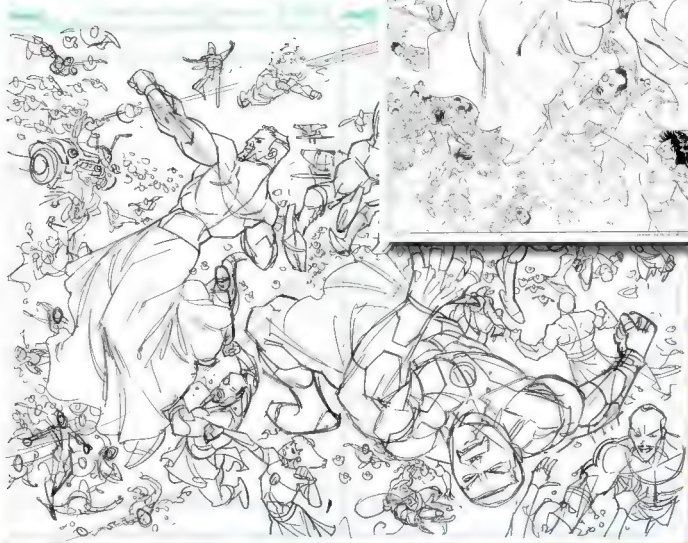


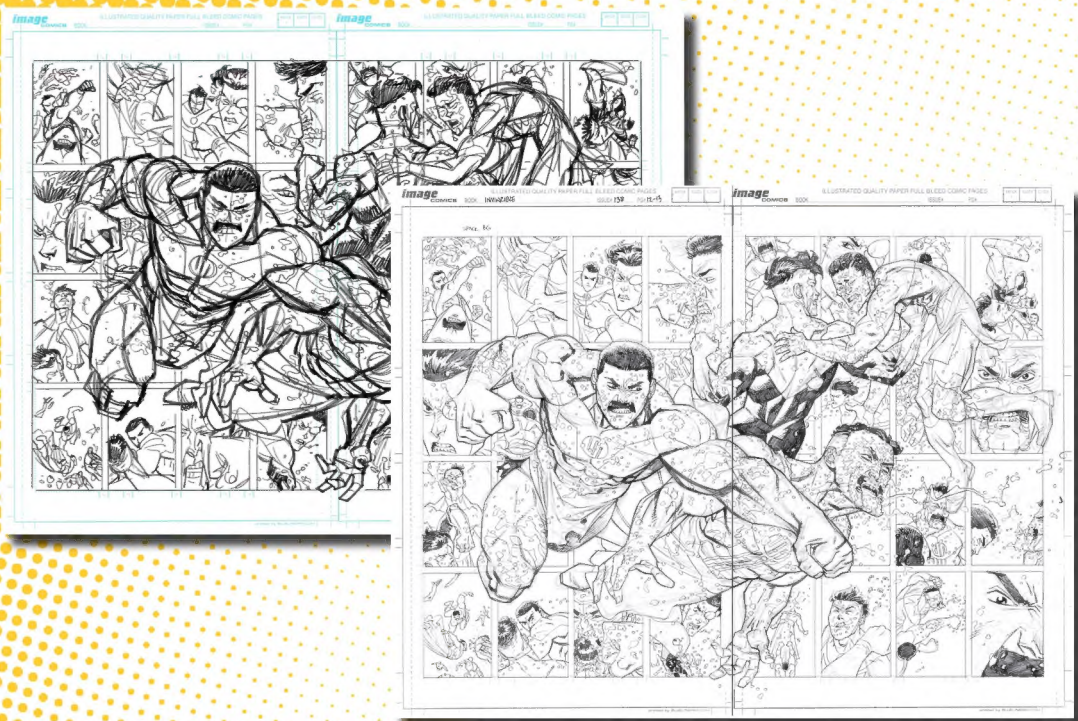
RYAN: *Probably the most time consuming double-page splash I've drawn. Lots of figures means LOTS and lots of time.*

ROBERT: Hmm... looks easy to me.

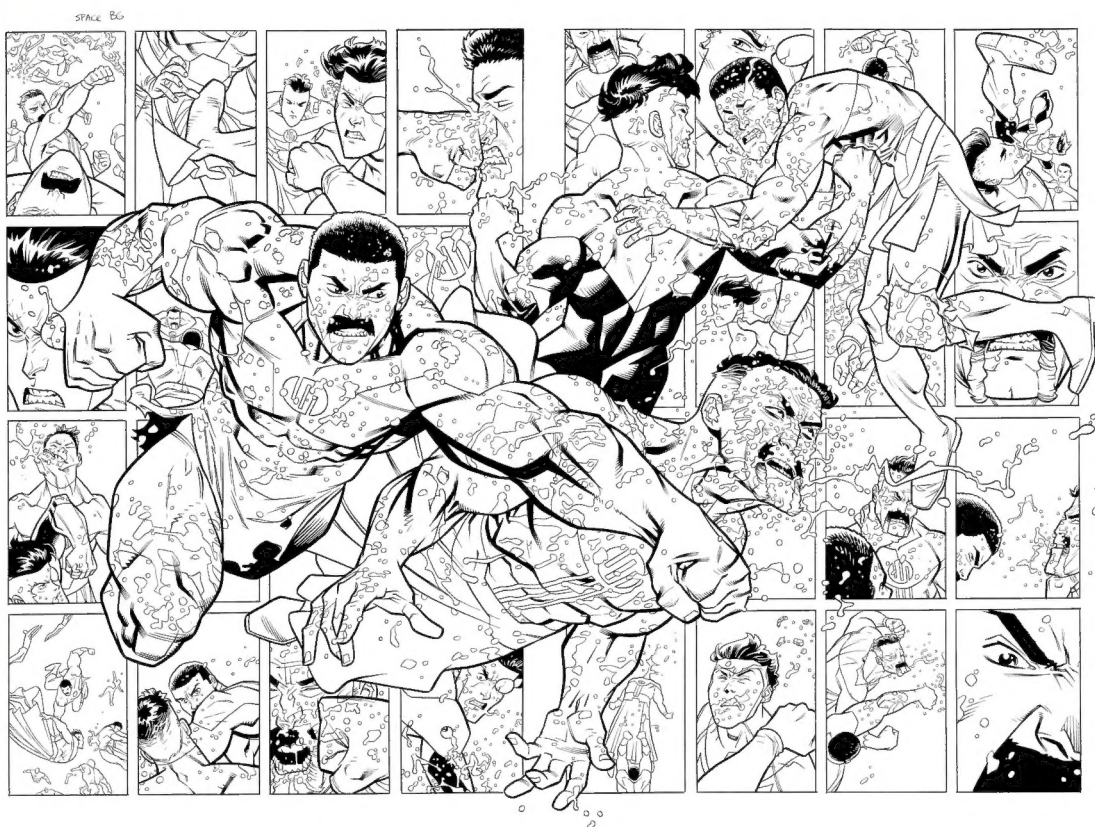








ROBERT: Ryan has nothing to say about this spread?! Man, sometimes I write things into the book just so I can see them. Maybe that's irresponsible, but when it results in spreads like THIS, I stand behind it! I asked Ryan to mimic the CLASSIC spread that appeared in INVINCIBLE #27 so that I could compare the two and see how much Ryan has grown as an artist, and to also kind of reflect on the series, kind of like... look how different things are now, and yet still the SAME. Anyway, it's a rad couple of pages! Woo!



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RYAN: Sometimes I draw this kind of stuff for fun, then sell it on my online shop. That's all I got! One more volume after this one! We are almost done!

ROBERT: You're going to make me cry!



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